

EAST GIPPSLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

Minutes of Annual Meeting July 27-2008

President Barney vk3xbw opened the meeting at 1-35 pm

Present. Barney vk3xbw- Peter vk3bpb & Joy Brand- Peter vk3fprf- Ralph vk3frjk- Michael vk3hau- David vk3dy- Rod vk3bjq- Noel vk3qj- Bob vk3zan & Dot Neal- David vk3dls- Arno vk3yap.

Apologies. Mark vk3moa- Rex vk3arg & Shirley Foord.

Minutes of 2007 Meeting. Barney vk3xbw read the minutes of the 2007 meeting and it was moved Peter vk3bpb and seconded Ralph vk3frjk that the minutes be accepted – carried.

President's report. Barney spoke on the improvements that have been achieved to the repeater system over the past year and the development of an IRLP system that will be commissioned shortly. The inter connection to our repeater of Echo-Link from Michael vk3hau's node has created another interest and increased the traffic through our repeaters. Moved Barney vk3xbw and seconded Peter vk3bpb – carried.

Treasurer's Report. Peter vk3bpb tabled a detailed report of all transactions during the year with the Bank balance at 30-6-08 being \$574-34. Moved Peter vk3bpb and seconded Bob vk3zan – carried

QSL Bureau Report. David vk3dy tabled a report on the QSL cards processed during the year. Generally the quality of cards has improved but the quantity has decreased. There were 63 cards processed during the year. Moved David vk3dy and seconded Barney vk3xbw – carried.

Asset Register. Bob vk3zan reported that the Register has not been updated yet this year. This will be done during the next few months.

Assessments. Bob vk3zan reported that three Foundation Manuals have been distributed during the year but no assessments have been conducted up to 30- 6- 08.

Annual Subscriptions. Moved Peter vk3bpb and seconded by David vk3dy that membership subscriptions remain at \$25 – carried.

Meeting Locations. It was moved by Barney vk3xbw and seconded by Michael vk3hau that future monthly meetings be held at Bairnsdale and that the Maffra Meetings be discontinued. After further discussion the motion was amended to have the Bairnsdale Meetings every second month and include a meeting in January – carried

Election of Office Bearers. Joy Brand presided over this election.

President. Peter vk3bpb nominated Barney vk3xbw and this was seconded by Ralph vk3frjk. As there were no other nominations Barney was elected President.

Secretary. Michael vk3hau nominated Bob vk3zan and this was seconded by Barney vk3xbw. As there was no other nominations Bob was elected Secretary.

Treasurer. Ralph vk3frjk nominated Peter vk3bpb and this was seconded by Peter vk3fprf. Peter vk3bpb was elected to the position of Treasurer.

Publicity Officer. Bob vk3zan nominated Michael vk3hau and this was seconded by Barney vk3xbw who spoke of the excellent publicity that Michael had generated for the club during the year – carried.

Life Membership. Peter vk3bpb tabled and read from a paper on the early history of this club which included activities during the 1950's. He detailed repeater activities from the 1990's when Bob vk3zan began as "repeater co-ordinator" and the expansion that had taken place over the past 15 years. He concluded with a motion that Bob vk3zan be awarded Life Membership of the East Gippsland Amateur Radio Club Inc. A certificate was presented to Bob.

The Meeting closed at 2-45 pm