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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY 31, 2007
At 7.30 pm

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| Jim Wright | VK3CFB |
| Norm D'Angri | VK3LBA |
| Phil Seddon | |
| Stan Widgery | SK |

CLUB INFORMATION

REPEATERS and BEACON

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| VK3RBA | (Voice) | 146.750 Mhz | Mt Buninyong |
| VK3RWA | (Voice) | 147.100 Mhz | Mt Ben Nevis |
| VK3RPC | (Packet) | 144.750 Mhz | Mt Warrenheip |
| VK3RBU | (Voice) | 438.475 Mhz | Mt Hollowback |
| VK3RMB | (Beacon) | 435.535 Mhz | Mt Buninyong |
| VK3RBU-1 | (APRS) | 145.175 Mhz | Mt Hollowback |

IRLP Node 6310 using VK3RRWA

CLUB e-mail vk3bml@barg.org.au.

CLUB NET VK3BML 3.610+/- QRM Thursday Nights at 8 pm E.S.T (Summer & Winter)

WIA Broadcast and Club Call Back. Sunday's 11.00 via VK3RWA (IRLP Node 6310)

NEWS ITEMS Send to Harry VK3KGL

Broadcast Times and Dates on VK3RWA Repeater

Every Sunday at 10.30 am, WIA National News, followed by VICLINK

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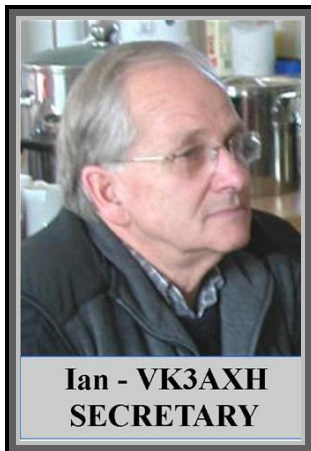
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Minutes of BARG General Meeting July 2007

Meeting opened by VK3NBV 7:34pm

Visitors: Guest Speaker Trevor Remington

Apologies: VK3AIG, VK3CAZ, VK3HHK, VK3KGL, VK3HRZ, VK3DCS
VK3FIVE, VK3FHUT, VK3BNC

Minutes of the previous General Meeting as circulated.

Business Arising – Nil

Moved VK3FGC/VK3BVI Carried

Secretary: .

Correspondance: Nomination Forms and AR Magazine

Moved VK3AXH/VK3CMC Carried

Treasurer: Current balance is \$6902 20

Moved VK3FGC/VK3KQB Carried

Reports

Jeff Vk3PAP reported the tower is ready to lift into place and requires the ginpole.

A motion was put by Vk3CFH/VK3BVI and Carried that plans be drawn up and inspected by Jeff to manufacture a new ginpole given the mechanical problems with the existing unit.

Beacons: Roger VK3ADE reports progress with both beacons is good with the 23cm unit oscillator being built and the 70cm unit ready for packaging.

Ben Nevis: John VK3TJW reports good progress with the new repeater now operating on the correct frequencies and the receiver now aligned. The transmitter will be aligned at the next construction night.

Computer Course

Roger VK3ADE reports all going along ok with next Monday's session being the last until later in the year when some participants return from vacation.

Education: Craig Vk3CMC reported the Foundation Course has been cancelled due to lack of participants. Enquiries have been made from 2 new persons re another course. There is one prospective candidate wanting to sit the exam without any training possibly this week. The next Foundation Course is scheduled for November 23/24.

Committee Meeting Outcome

It was decided at the committee meeting that any amateur wishing to upgrade to a higher level purchase their own study material with guidance from the club and that use of mentors be used to assist if and when required.

Ammenities: Doug VK3VBA reported a good rollup for the hamfest at Cranbourne. It was good to see that Ted VK3HHK was able to attend. Doug also indicated a supply of "little savs" would be served after the guest speakers presentation.

Construction group:

Ian VK3AXH reported that Brian VK3KQB has a number of audio kits available for the next meeting and the cost expected to be no greater than \$20. At this stage only 2 members have decided to go ahead with the 2metre preamp.

General Business:


Doug VK3VBA has application forms for those members wishing to be involved JOTA and other activities involving children. This is necessary to comply with government legislation and applies to any member of the club serving as a volunteer.

Brian Vk3KQB reported that Joe VK3PUD's rig is now back in operating order however some antenna work is required to get Joe back on 80 metres. Craig VK3CMC indicated he would test the antenna when its been delivered.

The hamvention will enter the planning stage in August with a range of improvements to be implemented. The hamvention working group will get together to discuss the new arrangements.

Guest Speaker Trevor Remington to give a presentation on PLC after the general meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:28pm

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