SHEPPARTON & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLU



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SADARC & MARC (Midland Amateur Radio Club) Annual BBQ Get together.

WHEN: Sunday April 19th Starting at 12pm Lunchtime

WHERE: Goulburn Weir Picnic Ground Goulburn Weir Rd Nagambie Vic RSVP TO: Club Secretary Les Tatar VK3TEX either email lestatar @bigpond.com or Phone 0407 829 098 BYO Drinks.

*As decided at the last meeting in March by the members S.A.D.A.R.C. will supply all the meat and MARC will bring along drinks and salads.

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Hello to Everyone.

Thanks to all who attended the clubs meeting on the 7th of March. Well it looks like its going to be a busy couple of months ahead. The date for the SADARC, MARC BBQ has be confirmed as Sunday 19th of April to be held at the Goulburn Weir starting at 12pm. Further details including RSVP information can be found on the home page of our website www.sadarc.org

Our first club project day will commence at 10am at the

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Presidents Report for March 2009

clubrooms in Mooroopna on Saturday 21st March. The subject for this one will be to tidy up the clubs radio room. Les VK3TEX has had 2 desks donated for use in the shack and will bring these along on the day. There will be a bbq lunch provided some please attend if you can.

With the projects day in mind I would ask all members to think about ideas for club projects.

I have spoken with Karen (our hall contact) and the scouts have applied for a grant to upgrade some of their facilities. This would include some renovations and upgrading of the kitchen. I will keep you all up to date with progress on that.

Unfortunately the

had been cancelled due to lack of interest. Maybe we can try again later on in the year.

Jacek VK3TJS asked for expressions of interest in celebrating the Shepparton & District Amateur Radio Club turning 30 years old this year. Various topics and ideas have been discussed including some fund raising. So far only a couple of members have shown interest so I would ask all club members to have a think about ways they can participate

I have a list of about 4 members wantingcapsmadewiththeir callsign on them. If anybody is interested can they please get in contact with me ASAP? In consultation with Ed VK3BG the cost will be around \$15

the clubs participation

in the John Moyle field day competition

Talk to you all Soon Cheers and 73s Toby VK3PNF.

Fair dinkum volunteers wanted

For the Wednesday night 80 Meter HF net. Starting at 6:30 PM local. We only require people who wish to do the Net.

*If you are already a volunteer and want to be taken off the current roster please contact Steven Hamer, and the roster will be rearrange. *If anyone on a current roster can't make it for any reason, could they aslo contact Steve Hamer and arrangements for someone else to fill in for them will be made. If no one else is able to fill in Steven Hamer will cover it. To volunteer or for any more information please contact

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Minutes of March Meeting

SADARC Minutes of the meeting held on March 7th 2009.

Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club Inc A6677S. Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th March 2009 at the Mooroopna Scout Hall, Echuca Rd Mooroopna

Meeting was opened by club president Toby, VK3PNF at 1300 hours.

Present:

Toby Corbett VK3PNF. Tibor Nemeth VK3FTIB, Allan Dobson VK3AYD, Les George VK3VLG, John Waters VK3PXJ, Ross Farrar VK3KVC, Brian Webb VK3HBW, Steve Hamer VK3DAG, Ed VK3BG, Ian Norman VK4JIN Visitor, Pat 'Shannessey VK3OV, Peter VK3FBEN, Terry Dovaston VK3MAR, Max Johnson VK3DSF. Rob George VK3ECH, Max Matthey, Darren Glasson VK3HEN. John Carroll VK3FAAX, Rob McGregor VK3MAC, Kane Hinchliffe VK3HKH, Jacek Szcurek VK3TJS, Greg Jaeschke SWL.

Apologies:

Terry VK3FTHS, Rodney VK3UG, Alan VK3FALN, Wayne VK3XQA, John VK3FJHM, Norma Matthey, Jan VK3ALF, Les VK3TEX, Neil VK3KAL,

Minutes of the previous Meeting:

Read by Kane Hinchliffe in the absence of the secretary Les VK3TEX. Moved they be accepted by Steve VK3DAG and seconded by John VK3PXJ. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

Toby commented that Les VK3TEX has the desks for the radio room but was unable to bring them due to work commitments and will get them to the club rooms on the projects day.

Ron VK3COP commented that there should be a BBQ held on the projects day and it was generally agreed to do this. A 10 o'clock start was

also agreed on.

Dstar- Toby commented that the trial Dstar repeater would be installed in a couple of months when the owner Richard gets the time to get up there. The trial may have been delayed due to the Bushfire disaster but it will go ahead. Toby will let members know when and how things are progressing.

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer report was tabled and presented to members. Moved to be accepted by Rob VK3ECH, seconded by Brian VK3HBW.Carried.

Inward Correspondence:

EMDRC Radio club newsletter.

A letter written to the club regarding the Dstar proposal to the club by Rodney Champness VK3UG. This was read out to the group by Kane VK3HKH.

Toby replied that there were a lot of things in the letter that should be addressed but said that these should be addressed in the presence of Rodney also. Toby deferred the comments to a later date. But did comment that Icom is donating a repeater to each capital city. However repeaters can not be donated to everyone. Ron commented that one of our technical officers should be present as well when the discussion is held.

A letter of resignation was received by the club from a member who does not wish to be named in these minutes. His name and all references to himself were requested to be removed from the SADARC website. This was done. Toby commented that this matter has now come to an end.

An email was received from the Midland Radio Club regarding a BBQ that they would like to have again as a joint function between the two clubs. Toby commented that this will be a great idea and we should do it again with the same format as last year. Toby moved a motion to go ahead and was seconded by Ron VK3COP and it was carried.

A letter from the WIA about liability insurance came as well. The letter was read out and put to the members for debate. Toby explained the costs that would be involved to the members and how it will proceed. Pat VK3OV said he would send a members list to Les VK3TEX who would contact the WIA and Ted Thrift. Motion was raised to accept the insurance by Ron VK3COP seconded by Pat VK3OV.

General Business:

Toby auctioned a couple of items that were donated to the club by Ross Farrar VK3KVC. Sold to VK4JIM Ian and ED VK3BG and Toby VK3PNF. Toby commented that there is still a lot of stuff for sale on the websites. Toby thanked Ross for his kind donation to the club.

Brian VK3HBW also had some gear available to the club members for free on a separate table.

Kane bought along a friend, Greg to the meeting as he is interested in radio and he was welcomed by the group.

Ron VK3COP commented to Pat VK3OV about the membership cards could be

spruced up a bit and new members would be issued with one.

Badges and Caps would have to be organized by the members. Toby would approach Lisa if she has the time to do these tasks if she does not have the time.

Daryl VK3KL has forwarded on some information relevant to the hamfest to Toby. Hall bookings will go ahead as per usual for the second Saturday in September.

Toby had a word with Jacek VK3TJS

about how much meat would be required at the BBQ at Nagambie Weir. Jacek would notify at a later date.

The issue of the 6M repeater was raised by Ed VK3BG on the progress of the works by Neil VK3KAL. Toby would give a call and find out from Neil about how things are going and where we are at.

Jacek bought up an issue with the UPS and the soundcard in the IRLP system Kane explained that the soundcard needs to be replaced as it is playing up.

Jacek asked for some assistance with the raffle for the celebrations for the 30th anniversary of SADARC. A donation of prizes was an important part of the idea and there was a request people could donate stuff.

Toby commented that raising money for the club was important but the money needs to be spent going towards helping upgrade equipment and other general expenditures. As a non profit organization we need to be using our money that we procure.

Ron VK3COP asked Jacek VK3TJS whether you still needed to register the raffle. Jacek said that it depends on



Minutes of March Meeting Cont...

the prizes and the monetary value as well.

Toby commented that we need at least 4 or 5 people to get donations and help out. John VK3PXJ Steve VK3DAG and Toby VK3PNF said they would assist Jacek.

Toby would get some more info in more detail into the newsletter.

Toby asked if there was anyone

interested in participating in the John Moyle field day. After much discussion there wasn't any conclusion reached.

Some records from the club were at a previous member's

residence and it was discussed to email this member to get these records back to the club rooms.

Meeting closed at 14:50 Hours.

Editors Note:

Members of S.A.D.A.R.C.

I have had some feedback regarding the Newsletter and how it was not like it used to be, that is a very fair call and i agree with you, the problem here is that as i do not have the means of soursing information and articles for the Newsletter, this is why we require you, the members of the Club, to send in content for inclusion, without this i am unable to bring it

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to email it to me. Content can be anything from photos to an

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clude someones birthday or anniversary, birth notices, Jokes,

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Regards Lisa - Email: newsletter@sadarc.org

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