# Minutes of QARC Meeting
# January, 21, 1998

## Executives Present:

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| President | Dave Ward | VE3BIP |
| Vice Present | Dave Ackerman | VE3UGT |
| Secretary | Mike Papper | VE3VMP |
| Treasurer | Don Dalrymple | VE3DQN |
| Past President | Tim Pekkonen | VE3UO |

## General Meeting:

The meeting was opened by our President **Dave, VE3BIP**, sharply at 7:30 PM. There was no guest speaker this evening; but the meeting focused on the "Ice Storm" and how amateurs made a contributed to it. A excellant log was kept by our Emergency Coordinator, **Ron, VE3IVC**. His log is reprinted below. Following the report by Ron, the meeting was adjourned for refreshements and rag chew.

**SUMMARY OF ARES ACTIVITIES IN BELLEVILLE DURING THE ICE STORM CLEANUP JAN 1998**
**by**
**RON CHAPMAN VE31VC EC BELLEVILLE**

**Jan 8/98** Monitoring radio and television reports of storm damage in areas east of here. Listening to HF and 2 Mtr activity. Checked into Ontrs and emeg. net on 3740.

**Jan 9** Sent message to VE3SV Bob EC Kingston to see if they needed any help.

**Jan 10** Bob advised that no help was needed at that time.

**Jan 10** Advised Belleville Emerg. Coord. Fire Chief Gazely in Belleville Fire Dept. I had a generator available.

**Jan 11** - Sunday Fire dept picked up generator to go to Hawsksbury area. I talked to the Fire Chief Gazely about our ARES service. He said he would contact us if necessary.

**Jan 13** Gary VE3ENF and Peter VA3PGB were on the C'ford Reptr and they arranged for a number of items to be sent on the Perth area. I talked to the net on the Picot Report and advised them that we were looking for items. It was arranged to have VENICE Ice to stop at my house on his way back from Ottawa after he had stopped at Trenton to pick up some items. I sent 4-2mtr Ant. as well as some lengths of coax. The items were taken to Actinolite where they were transferred to another vehicle to be taken to Perth.

**Jan 14** The items arrived at 830 at the fire Hall in Perth. I was talking to VE3BSB Barrie, who was coordinating the Perth area group. He advised me to contact VE3MW Herb, who was looking after personnel, and let him know who we would have available if required.

I contacted Mike VE3VMP and Don VE3DQN and we called a number of the names on our tree to see who might be able to spare some time to go to the Perth area.
We had three members Scott VE3HZZ, Pat VE3KJP and John VE3YAD who were available at that time.

The other clubs in the area also had members who indicated they would be available. VE3HGN Don phoned to say there were 4 members who were available to go to Perth. All the names and phone numbers were passed on to Herb VE3MW and were put on the standby list.

During the time the emergency was on there were over 91 hams that participated in the program. The army also was involved in the communications as well as the OPP.

The Repr RED 147.120 (Tweed) and the Levant RED 146.640 were active 24 hrs. a day during the first week and they had a number of sites 18 and the County Base at Perth.

Each day after the Coordinators had completed their information conference the Radio club would give a summation over the air for all those who had radios tuned to the RED reptr.

There were 50 or 60 hand helds loaned to the people in the blacked out area so they could use them to monitor and call in if they or their neighbours needed help. They were instructed by hams on how to use them.

The Radio club had spare batteries, for the hand helds, to replace the ones that ran down.

There were base stations at the emergency Shelters where power was available. These were manned by amateurs or by some one instructed in their operation. Some of the Antennas were in strange configurations and one was a mobile on a garbage can. Each time the can was used the ant. was moved and it caused loss of signals. The club is going to see about locating Permanent antennas at strategic locations.

We have 23 Ant. located at the present time in this area.

The local Red Cross was collecting money and sent two people to assist in the Kingston and Brockville areas. They did not have any need for our service at that time. Sharon, the Red Cross Manager, would advise us if required.Sharon also indicated the Level 1 training program has been changed so our club will have to be upgraded when a new course is set up. It should be some time this year.

It has shown us that we have to be ready for a disaster at any time and have our own location prepared for any serious situations.

I am in the process of updating the Telephone Tree and will have a copy ready for the next meeting.

**Refreshments**:

**Bill, VE3NFP**, provided coffee es cookies, which was enjoyed by all. TNXs agn Bill.

The was no old or new business at this meeting.

**Announcements:**

1. **Tim, VE3UO** provided us with an update to our repeater which should arrive sometime in February. It is the same repeater used by the Kingston Amateur Radio Club. It is a 35watt repeater which includes most of the latest "bells & whisles", manufactured by Maggiore Electronics Lab. in West Chester Pa.

**Ron, VE3IVC** also asked members to update his ARES data base information for future reference.

**Dave, VE3BIP** updated the members on the clubs major financial expenses and income received, over the last four years to illustrate our financial predicament. We have about 70 paying members and we are losing about $10 per member per year. Dave's recommendation is to raise the club dues by $5.00 and the executive find the rest of the revenue required, through additional revenue or cutting expenses.

**Brian, VE3GRA**, let members know that the FOX Hunts are continuing this winter every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM. The general meeting place to start is at the shopping centre at North Front and College, but you can start from your own QTH. If you cannot participate you can listen in on 144.580 simplex. The Hunt lasts only for one hour after which time the participants head to the nearest Tim Hortons for a rag chew on the event. Of course, everyone is welcome.

The members were also advised that **RAC** no longer provides membership rebates to clubs. This was discontinued last July.

Both the **door prize** and **50-50 draw** was won by **Peter, VA3PKH.** How lucky can u get! Congratulations, Peter.

There were 24 members in attendance at this meeting.

Secretary,

Mike, VE3VMP