

# August 16, 2011 WARES General Meeting

Meeting held at Sir William Stephenson Library

Meeting began 7:07 pm VE4MBQ presiding

Each member introduced him or herself

VE4MBQ introduced Mr. Gerry Desjardins of SARMAN. He gave a very interesting and illuminating presentation about searching for missing people. RCMP has responsibility for these operations in Manitoba. RCMP will call upon SARMAN for assistance. Mr. Desjardins pointed out that the Kevlar vests police dogs, and his organizations' dogs wear are made by a Winnipeg company. The Kevlar vests protect search dogs from puncture wounds, such as rebar, fences, tree branches etc. Mr. Desjardins ended his program by bringing in his very enthusiastic search dog, Tee-Jay.

VE4TRO won the 50/50 draw. He and WARES each received \$7.00

## Business Meeting

Began 8:20 pm VE4GWN presiding

Minutes of June 28 meeting approved as e-mailed

Moved VE4AJO

Seconded VE4SE

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No business arising

## Treasurer's Report

Presented by VE4SYM. See accompanying report

VE4MBQ asked about outstanding membership dues

VE4SYM stated there are some outstanding dues

VE4GWN requested that members who have not yet paid their dues do so.

## Flea Market

VE4GWN reminded the membership that VE4GKS is the Flea Market Coordinator for Fall 2011

VE4GKS will meet with VE4CDM concerning the Flea Market. VE4CDM is the immediate predecessor as Flea Market Coordinator

## EC Report

Presented by VE4MBQ. See attached report

VE4DWG asked about emergency power at a repeater site.

VE4MBQ replied that VE4ACX reported that the site does not have emergency power now. That might be possible to set up

VE4KEH asked about the condition of a particular repeater.

VE4MBQ stated that the repeater is apparently in pretty good condition. It may be replaced with a MSR2000 sometime. Only cost to upgrade would be crystals. (cost about \$60.00/pair)

## New Business

VE4GWN noted that VE4AJR is trustee for our call sign VE4YWG. He is incapacitated, so should be replaced. VE4TRO has proper qualifications, and is willing to become trustee. Change over will get done.

VE4GWN advised that VE4DWG will not be continuing as Section Emergency Coordinator for Manitoba. ARES units in Manitoba have been advised of this. A replacement is needed.

VE4DWG updated DSTAR status. Additional funding is coming. DSTAR committee will be able to purchase new equipment. The triplexer is not working. Require duplexers and small antennas. Large antennas are destroyed within 2 years by strong wind currents on the roof. Will require a work party. MEMO is ready. Equipment is expected in September.

A discussion ensued concerning DSTAR

VE4DAR asked about recruiting new blood for WARES

VE4MBQ advised that some members of UMARS have expressed interest

No further business

Adjourn 8:47 VE4GWN