

April 19, 2016 WARES General Meeting

Meeting held at Sir William Stephenson Library

Meeting began 6:58 pm VE4SIG presiding

After introductions, VE4MBQ introduced guest speaker Mr. Bob Schkawritka, Corporate Emergency Coordinator, Manitoba Hydro. Mr. Schkawritka's presentation was titled "*Manitoba Hydro Storm Response Organization*" He gave a very interesting overview of Manitoba Hydro's response to a critical incident, from one household without power, to a major outage, involving hundreds or thousands of customers.

He emphasized that ARES is embedded in their emergency plan, especially all their other communications systems fail. This would include cell phones two way radios, satphones etc.

Mr. Schkawritka answered all questions from members present.

Presentation ended 8:08 pm

During the break, VE4SYM won the 50/50 draw. She and WARES each received \$18.00

Business Meeting

Meeting began 8:12 pm, VE4SIG presiding

Minutes of March 15, 2016 General Meeting approved as e-mailed to membership

Moved	VE4HK
Seconded	VE4GWN
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Business Arising

VE4SIG announced that our Boler trailer was sold to John Templeman VA4EEE for \$1530.00

The Manitoba Communications Services Grant was tabled [unclear if Peter VE4TTH is working on this or not]

Treasurer's Report

Presented by VE4SYM. See accompanying report.

VE4SYM announced that April income will be a significant amount.

Fundraising

VE4SIG announced that the Silent Auction at the Flea Market netted \$348.00. He thanked VE4MMW and VE4JDH for their hard work organizing prizes etc.

EC Report

Presented by VE4MBQ. See accompanying report

VE4MBQ advised that we need a date to test VE4ARC and VE4CNR coverage for HTs from various locations, prior to the Manitoba Marathon. He will send an e-mail to the membership.

New Business

VE4DAR reminded the members about the "NEWBIE NET" for newcomers to amateur radio, held Saturday mornings, at 10:00 am on VE4WPG. It will continue at least until the end of June

VE4DAR announced that there will not be another basic course until this fall. There is a possibility of an advanced course.

VE4GKS stated that WARC will be building magnetic loop antennas. Contact VE4GKS for details.

No further business

Adjourn 8:30 pm VE4SIG

Minutes taken by VE4HK