

WICEN (Vic) Inc. Committee of Management

Minutes of meeting – Thursday 13 October 2011

Meeting commenced – 2010 hrs

Venue – WICEN (Vic) HQ, Box Hill South

1. **Attendance** – VK3s BAF (in Chair), ZR, FGC, CVF, YYF. VK3FR (Minutes)
2. **Apologies** – VK3XDE
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** – Moved VK3ZR, **Seconded** VK3FGC 'That the minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed'.
4. **Business arising from minutes**
 - **ARV/WICEN (VIC) Rules Change Request** – Meeting held with ARV on 26 July 2011. Waiting to receive information from ARV regarding progress on this matter.
 - **RACV Trailer** – CoM approved the allocation of the trailer to the North East Radio Group on a long term loan basis. NERG to be responsible for maintenance of the trailer and WICEN (Vic) will pay the registration. Secretary to obtain written confirmation of these arrangements.
 - **BP Petrol Vouchers** – Secretary advised that applications for assistance can be submitted to BP in July each year. BP receive thousands of applications for the Petrol Vouchers each year and only approve about 60.

5. Correspondence

Inwards –

- Event application for the Murray Marathon
- Emergency Management Manual update
- Membership applications from Duncan Maughan VK3XBC in Beechworth and Darren Lancaster VK3FAOE in Ballarat

Outwards –

- On behalf of WICEN (Vic), VK3CVF has sent a recording of the interference being experienced on the WICEN (Vic) HF Net to Mark Tell at ACMA.
- Email to Dept. of Justice advising new PO Box address for WICEN (Vic).
- Email from VK3FGC to DSE Ballarat requesting permission to resite the repeater previously at the Police site on Mt Buninyong to the Mt Buninyong DSE Fire Tower .

Moved VK3ZR, **Seconded** VK3FGC 'That the Inward correspondence be received and the Outward confirmed'.

6. Business arising from correspondence –

- **New Members** – **Moved** VK3ZR **Seconded** VK3FGC 'that the membership applications from Duncan Maughan VK3XBC and Darren Lancaster VK3FAOE be approved'.
- **Mt Buninyong Repeater site** –VK3FGC was given approval to continue negotiations with DSE regarding installation on the Mt Buninyong Fire Tower

7. Reports

- **Treasurer**

	12/10/11-08/11/11	Year to 08/11/11
Income	\$526.60	\$734.61
Expenditure	\$896.29	\$2479.54
Account Balance		\$27342.89

Moved VK3YYF, **Seconded** VK3BAF 'That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

- **Radio Officer** - Nil
- **Data Group** – VK3IFM has set up an operational Packet/Internet Gateway which has demonstrated the viability of transmitting two-way traffic between operators in the field and anyone with an email address.

On behalf of the CoM, VK3ZR to request the Data Group to work towards a target of having 10 trained operators who have the required equipment and can send emails and 'chat' reliably on HF, and 10 trained operators who have the required equipment and can send emails and 'chat' reliably on 2m packet.

- **Website** – TRAK operation and software download information is now available via the website
- **Publications** - Nil
- **Property** - Nil
- **Membership**

Membership accreditation proposal – Draft text of proposal approved by CoM. VK3ZR will now send to Region Coordinators who will be requested to consider /comment on the proposal that operators joining WICEN (Vic) not be issued with WICEN badges and ID cards until they have been accredited as Message Handlers.

Membership Badges – New stock of badges is ready to collect from the manufacturer

- **Emergency Management Meetings** – VK3FGC has attended meetings in the Hepburn and Pyrenees municipalities.

8. General Business

- **Region Structure** – It was agreed that the Region Coordinator and Deputy Region Coordinator appointments suggested by the Secretary and based around the new DHS Region Plan be circulated to the Coordinator list for comment
- **WICEN Event Commander Instructions** – VK3IFM continuing development
- **Event Donation Cost Calculations** - As a guideline, CoM agreed that when people request WICEN comms for events, the cost negotiations be based on a base price of \$20 per operator, per day. More would be expected for more complex events, and less may be accepted for charitable events.
- **Police Regions and Divisional HQs** – VK3FGC to check with Police that all locations listed on the Y2K activation list are still current.

- **'MECC Central' web based database** – VK3FGC to approach Ballarat Council to see if WICEN can obtain authorisation to access this site as it could provide WICEN with information about communications opportunities.
- **WICEN vests for Murray Marathon Operators** – VK3GER to be requested to submit a firm proposal to the secretary for consideration.
- **Ballarat Hamfest** – VK3ZR manned the WICEN table at this Hamfest. Well worth attending, useful PR exercise. Fielded a number of enquiries.
- **Contact with Midland Amateur Radio Club** - The newly elected president of the Midland radio Club appeared amenable to rejuvenating interest in WICEN in the Bendigo area.
- **PR for WICEN** – 3CVF suggested that training events conducted by WICEN (Vic) e.g. Car Rallies, Bike Rides, Murray Marathon, etc. should have an added purpose. e.g. to check and record comms coverage /variations in the area and record for use in case of possible future activations. Event details/photos etc. could then be released to local media where it would be more likely to receive good coverage due to the message of enhanced community safety in time of danger.

9. **Next Meeting** – 13 December 2011

Meeting Closed - 2130 hrs