



# Brandon Amateur Radio Club Inc.

## 4 February 2021 Minutes

**Call to Order:** at 19:01 hours by Jim, VE4JIM.

### Executive Present:

Jim .....VE4JIM .....President Richard ....VE4QK  
Ron .....VE4RAY .....Vice President Ron .....VE4SR  
Bill.....VE4WJM .....Sec/Treas Mark.....VE4CRN  
Rick.....VE4AV .....PR Manager Rob.....VE4TNT

### Members Present:

Don .....VE4ACA Kevin .....VE4MR George..VE4MSM  
Brian .....VE4BCB Dave .....No Call Lloyd.....VE4AEA  
Stan.....VE4SJP Terry .....VE4UZ Guest, Andy...VE4PER  
Mark .....VE4MEM Geoff .....VA4GDJ

### Minutes

Moved by Bill, VE4WJM the minutes be adopted as circulated.

Seconded by Brian - VE4BCB

All in favour,

### Financial Report

Prior to the meeting, the current financial report was available via email to any club member that asked for it.

Moved by Bill, VE4WJM the report be approved as read out and supplied by email.

Seconded by Mark, VE4MEM

All in favour

### Public Relations Officer Report

Rick-VE4AV reported helping club member Fred de Wind, VE4FDW to get Fred's IC735 transceiver working properly. Fred confirmed with me that he was very impressed with Rick's knowledge and help. Fred told me that...."Rick sure knew his stuff". Thanks Rick for helping Fred out.

### Committee Reports

Repeaters: Kevin-VE4MR reported VE4HS, VE4BDN and VE4TED are working well with good range and clarity.

Web Page Report Bill-VE4WJM, reported the web site is working well.

RAC Report Kevin-VE4MR reported the online site has good information on the International Space Station

### Old Business

AllStar link update..... Our meeting with Brandon City Hall was cancelled by City Hall and has not yet been rescheduled.

### New Business

#### **Tower collapse at Adam Lake, VE4IHF location**

On the 4 Feb 2021, Bruce, VE4KQ received an email from Charlie Clark who owns the tower at Adam Lake. In that letter was this sentence...."Regrettably, due to this tower failure, we will no longer be able to accommodate the needs of the amateur radio group as we will not be replacing the tower. Charlie Clark"

Bruce forwarded the letter to Jim, VE4JIM and Myself, VE4WJM. This resulted in phone calls to resolve the issue of retrieving BARC equipment from Lake Adam.....

In light of the wind destruction of the VE4IHF tower located at Adam Lake, BARC members will need to travel to the Adam Lake to facilitate the removal of equipment. With this in mind, I would like someone to put forward the following motion:

*BARC members, who are pre-approved by the BARC executive, will be reimbursed gas money for the trip.*

Moved by Ron Samchuk-VE4SR

Seconder: Don Bettorf-VE4ACA

All in attendance voted in favour.

No one voted against.

Further to the above, I told everyone that based on Dave-VE4XN's history of VE4IHF, that Bruce-VE4KQ, had donated 150' of 7/8" heliax and all the repeater equipment to VE4IHF. With this in mind, we the BARC executive, felt that although BARC owned all the equipment at the Adam Lake location, Bruce should have input on what is to happen to the equipment.

I telephoned Bruce and Bruce agreed he'd like to see the equipment redeployed. I asked Bruce to attend the 4 Feb 2021 meeting and make a presentation and a motion. Due to family commitments, Bruce was unable to attend. I asked Bruce to supply me with a letter to read at the meeting and he provided the following letter....

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Hi Bill. As discussed I would be interested in redeploying the IHF repeater. It has been on the air from around 1976 when Reg Edworthy VE4RW and Bob Bryan VE4RO both Silent Keys installed the repeater on the Killarney Water Tower which is now decommissioned.

Last summer I met a gentleman who is building a museum at Lena, Manitoba (involving the Turtle Mountain Wakopa/ Bannerman ghost towns.)

Directly across from the museum is a privately owned grain elevator.

I thought at the time this would be a good location for a repeater with linking capabilities to provide VHF coverage along highway 3.

So Bill I would propose to BARC that I would like to keep the 146.2500/8500 repeater alive and open to all radio amateurs.

It would be dedicated to all the silent Keys in the Turtle Mountain Area.

73 Bill,  
Bruce VE4KQ

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On Bruce's behalf, I'd like someone to put forward the following motion:

I move that any and all the salvaged equipment owned by BARC, from the Adam Lake, VE4IHF tower site, be loaned to Bruce Johnson, VE4KQ, to be installed as a repeater at another location, yet to be determined, on the behalf of and ownership of, the Brandon Amateur Radio Club.

Moved by: Don Bettorf-VE4ACA

Seconded by: Terry Bates-VE4UZ

All in attendance voted in favour.

No one voted against.

Meeting was Adjourned at 19:42. by Jim - VE4JIM,