



Brandon Amateur Radio Club Inc.

7 January 2021 Minutes

Call to Order: at 19:00 hours by Jim, VE4JIM.

Executive Present:

JimVE4JIMPresident RichardVE4QK
RonVE4RAYVice President RonVE4SR
Bill.....VE4WJMSec/Treas Mark.....VE4CRN
Rick.....VE4AVPR Manager Rob.....VE4TNT

Members Present:

DonVE4ACA KevinVE4MR DanVE4IY
BrianVE4BCB DaveNo Call EricVE4GQ
StanVE4SJP TerryVE4UZ KayVE4AKC
MarkVE4MEM GeoffVA4GDJ

Minutes

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

Seconded by Stan - VE4SJP

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 Dan, VE4IY

All in favour

Public Relations Officer Report

Rick-VE4AV had nothing new to report.

Committee Reports

Repeaters: Kevin-VE4MR reported the refurbished repeaters for VE4HS, VE4BDN and VE4TED are working well with good range and clarity. There is some concern regarding the 8 minute time out which is being monitored for possible changes. At present VE4CTY UHF is not working.

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

RAC Report Kevin-VE4MR reported the online site had nothing new worth mentioning.

Old Business

Report of Domain Name purchase by Sec/Tres

The brandonarc.ca web site domain name is purchased from doteasy.com on a yearly basis. As of 1 January 2018, BARC was paying doteasy.com \$52.50 per year to purchase the brandonarc.ca domain name. In late 2018, BARC was able to negotiate the yearly fee down to \$15.75 per year. The renewal date for the domain name is the 15 January 2021.

I have been in contact with doteasy.com regarding BARC's options for renewal.

Option one is to renew for one year at \$15.75.

Option two is to renew for five years at 15.75 times 5 for a total of \$78.75.

Option three is to renew for ten years at 15.75 times 10 for a total of \$157.50.

With these options in mind, I think a five year term is a prudent investment and I would like someone to put forth the following motion:

"I move that the Brandon Amateur Radio Club purchase the brandonarc.ca domain name from doteasy.com, for a time period of five years, for a total of \$78.75."

Moved by: Dan - VE4IY

Seconded by: Brian - VE4BCB

Discussion: Geoff - VA4GDJ commented that was a good price.

Vote: Unanimous vote of all nineteen attending in favour.

New Business

Report of AllStar committee presented by Sec/Tres

AllStar Node report:

On December 6th, we received an email letter from Derek Hay, on behalf of the Manitoba Repeater Society. In that letter he outlined the usage of Allstar Nodes and requested the assistance of BARC. On December 8th I contacted sixteen BARC members regarding the contents of Derek's letter. Of those contacted, fourteen were in favour of moving forward. That day I contacted our BARC president Jim, and as per the BARC constitution, an Allstar Node committee was created. The committee is comprised of our BARC executive and Darrell Bercier -VE4ACD. The committee had a zoom meeting with Derek Hay on the morning of December 8th to go over all the details. Derek was able to answer all our questions.

Since this meeting with Derek, both Jim and I have been in contact with Tobin Praznic, Emergency Coordinator for the City of Brandon. As well, we've been in contact with Jason Kelusky, Manager of IT for the City of Brandon. Because of these conversations we've had with Brandon City Hall, Jim has arranged a Zoom meeting of the BARC AllStar committee with Tobin Praznic for 10:00 am January 14, 2021. At that time we will be ironing out the details of acquiring internet service to our repeater site at City Hall on 9th street.

With this in mind I'd like someone from the floor to entertain the following motion. The motion is as follows:

"We the Brandon Amateur Radio club would like to proceed with the installation of an Allstar Node at the VE4CTY location and the VE4HS location as proposed by Derek Hay and the Manitoba Repeater Society. The cost and installation of the VE4CTY Allstar Node to be covered by BARC. The cost and installation of the Allstar Node at the VE4HS location to be covered by MRS. Anticipated cost of the VE4CTY Allstar node to be approximately \$200. We, the Allstar Node committee, are asking BARC for their approval of this project and the approximate \$200 expenditure?"

Moved by: Mark - VE4CRN

Seconded by: Dan - VE4IY

Discussion: A brief discussion of the benefits of AllStar were discussed.

Vote: All nineteen BARC members in attendance voted in favour.

Meeting was Adjourned at 19:55. by Jim - VE4JIM,