

# ***Border City Radio Club***

**March 23, 2026**

## **MEETING MINUTES / NEWSLETTER**

Sean Monahan (VA3SGM) opened the meeting at 19:00

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Sean Monahan - VA3SGM  
Bill Hunter – VE3BOK  
Kim Kostescu – VE3KKA  
Al Masse – VE3CWP  
Dave Garber - VE3WEJ  
Bill Reynolds – VE3BZL  
Tom Kartoian – VE3FIO  
Jerry Beneteau - VE3EXT  
Dwight Girard – VA3NXE  
John Beres – VA3FN  
Dennis Pellarin – VA3DDP  
Clayton Smith VE3IRR  
Tim McMullin – VE3TCS  
Jeff Burke – VA3JYB  
Adam Simon – VE3TJQ  
Remko Broueris – VE3DVM  
John Schlichther – VE3JUS  
Sean Monahan – VA3SGM

The minutes for January and February 2026 were emailed to members and posted to [www.bordercityradioclub.ca](http://www.bordercityradioclub.ca)

No additions, corrections or otherwise changes to the minutes were required.

Accepted as read.

Bill Hunter, VE3BOK, presented the financial statement. There is \$2293.54 in the chequing account, \$85 in Capital Shares, and \$25 in Patronage Shares.

**Motion: to accept the financial statement as presented by Sean.**

**M/S/C: Jerry Beneteau (VE3EXT) and Tim McMullin (VE3TCS)/All in favour/Carried**

Bill Hunter (VE3BOK) presented a financial plan for the future of BCRC. Currently, if BCRC continues with the membership fee structure presently in place, the club will run out of money in approx. 3 years. This is due to the increasing costs of RAC Insurance and meeting place rental fees and the fact that increases to membership fees hasn't kept up with the increase of expenses. Currently, expenses are double the income.

For the future financial stability of BCRC, it is proposed that membership fees increase \$5 for RAC members and \$9 for non RAC members. The additional \$4 for a non RAC BCRC member is needed to balance the cost of RAC insurance paid by BCRC for non RAC members, ensuring that it equals the amount BCRC is collecting from their non RAC members.

Secondly, Sean (VA3SGM) has initiated talks with the public school board. School boards and libraries are now promoting the rental of meeting spaces because they are being funded under a program that allows them to rent out spaces to community groups for very reduced prices while being subsidized for the difference through a provincial program. To rent a school classroom, it would cost BCRC \$20 one-time fee for a permit, \$75 one-time fee to add the school board to the club's RAC insurance policy, and \$5.44 per hour for the classroom rental. This option greatly reduces the cost of renting a meeting space from over \$600 a year to approx. \$120 a year after the one-time fees have been paid. Sean was told that most schools are available, and there are many classrooms to choose from. The process will require him to complete an online application form. The school board begins approving applications after July 15, which is fine because BCRC is locked into their current meeting space until June 30. Any change to where BCRC meets will not be effective until September 2026.

**Motion: to increase BCRC membership fees from \$20 to \$25 for RAC members and from \$30 to \$39 for non RAC members.**

**M/S/C: Jerry Beneteau (VE3EXT)/Dwight Gerard (VA3NXE)/All in favour/Carried Unanimously**

**Motion: to pursue changing meeting locations in order to reduce meeting costs**

**M/S/C: Al Masse (VE3CWP)/ Remko Broueris (VE3DVM)/All in favour/Carried Unanimously**

Dwight Gerard (VA3NXE) asked if BCRC had a logo that could be used to create a patch or embroidered onto a hat, shirt, POTA flag, or other such articles. Rick Leblanc (VE3PV) provided Kim (VE3KKA) with a black and white BCRC logo for use on the website, so one does exist. However, there was discussion that there could be other versions as well as a coloured version. Dave Garber (VE3WEJ) believes that a coloured logo may exist amongst the items that he has from his brother, Ken Garber (VE3ETR, SK). Dave will look and notify us at the next meeting.

