

MINUTES of BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING, May 20, 1982

Harold Parker KC5HZ, Secretary Pro Tem

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ at 7:38 PM. Present were directors Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ, Joanne Morphew K5HCY, Harold Parker KC5HZ, Stu Lamkin WB5IGG, Richard Shankle N5KV, Steve Gottlieb WA5CEN, and Club members Ray Morphew E5EST, Ron Bolyard KA5GYG, Henry Freedenberg N5HF, Mike Tussy KB5TK, and Ed Harwell W5WVX.

Dick WD5CTQ reviewed events attending the original selection of a 1982 Field Day site to be a picnic area near the intersection of Hgwy. 59 and Corporate Drive, the reasons for changing that site to the Ft. Bend County fairgrounds, and the reasons for his current recommendation to change from the fairgrounds to the grass area back of the Missouri City fire house, the location of the Club's monthly membership meetings.

Such reasons were summarized to be: (1) One of the primary reasons for the change to the fairgrounds site was the expected availability of a county-owned generator, which availability had not been realized, (2) Uncertainty of RVs and campers being allowed in the fairgrounds overnight, (3) The availability of the Missouri City fire house site and the City's expressed desire for us to use it, (4) The availability of the antenna tower at the fire house, (5) The availability of restroom and other facilities at the fire house, (6) The keen interest and enthusiasm of several key Missouri City personnel to further and pursue promptly the coordination of emergency communications plans between City and Club, (7) The availability of emergency power, and (8) The probable availability to the Club of a presently inoperative 15 KW generator.

Considerable discussion ensued, with everyone present taking part, and the President called on each one in turn to state his thoughts on the subject. All directors thought that it would be in the best interest of the Club to change the 1982 Field Day site to the Missouri City fire house area and to pursue diligently the relationship with the City. Three of the non-director members expressed the same opinion. Mike Tussy KB5TK felt that we were committed to the fairgrounds this year. Henry Freedenberg N5HF said he agreed that the move to a Missouri City site was a good idea but that he, too, felt we were committed to the fairgrounds this year and that we should defer moving to a City site until 1983.

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After additional discussion, including the agreement that the June issue of the B-VARC BULLETIN have extensive coverage of the 1982 Field Day site subject, the question was called for and Stu Lawkin WB5IGG moved that the 1982 Field Day activities of the Club be changed from the County fairgrounds to the Missouri City fire house site. Richard Shankle N5KV seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the directors present.

The President informed the group that the City has provided space in the new municipal building for the Club to use as an E.C.C., and that he believed it was highly probable that the City will provide funds for the radio equipment for such an E.C.C.

He also proposed that the Club sponsor a "Missouri City Amateur Radio Emergency Service" group to be made up of amateurs living in and around Missouri City, both Club member and non-member, which could provide immediately available hams to perform under emergency conditions in the City, since the membership of the Club has such a large part of its members living too far from Missouri City to be of immediate help to the City under emergency conditions. The group agreed readily and Ed Harwell W5WVX and Steve Gottlieb WA5CEN will undertake the formation of such a group.

Henry Freedenberg N5HF reminded the group of the upcoming Ft. Bend County Fair and recommended that the Club put on a demonstration, similar to the May 1 Sharpstown Center activity, as a means of informing fair goers of the existence of a viable ham organization in the County and demonstrating the communications capabilities of that group.

After a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 PM.
