

**B-VARC Board of Directors Meeting  
Action & Comments, April 4, 1991**

by Dick Kruse, N5OUT, Recording Secretary

Cash on hand in the club treasury is \$2,887.14. Our checking account will be moved to a bank with no service or checking account charges.

The B-VARC meeting location and time will be listed in *World Radio* magazine at a cost of \$60.00 yearly. In addition we will receive: nine free subscriptions to be given as prizes, mailing labels of all new hams and those with license changes in our area, and \$1.00 for our club from each new or renewal subscription.

To promote our club and ham radio, it was decided to assist the Houston Amateur Radio Helpline (488-4426) financially. The Helpline telephone bulletin board (voice) lists activities and functions of area amateur radio clubs and will promote amateur radio in general. An initial \$50.00 payment will be made plus \$25.00 each quarter for one (1) year.

Three items were considered by the Rules Committee in their meeting: the Dr. Bill award, changes in the Order of the Key award, and changes that will make the Loop and Zepp award conform to the other awards. This was tabled until the next meeting.

There were ten to twelve weekly check-ins to the Rag Chew Net during March. Also, there are some regular check-ins from out of town.

Gerry Borg, N5APW, thanked all those that are filling in as Net Control each Monday night at 9:00 P.M. during the B-VARC Public Service Net.

The board approved providing communications for the M.D. Anderson Hospital 5K Run and the American Lung Association Clean Air Ride. A Public Service sign-up sheet has been started for those that wish to work the various runs and rides. Call Steve Dunkelberger, N5JBL, to be put on the list.

An ice cream social is being planned for July. A video of Field Day will be made and presented during the social.

Ads for the B-VARC *Bulletin* are being renewed.

Half way through the Novice class we have the lowest number of drop-outs ever. Approximately twenty-seven attend each class.

The need for a short-wave listening station and a ham station to be installed at Ronald McDonald House was presented to the board by Charley Prochaska, KG5KV. He suggested organizing a city-wide ham group to operate the station to provide needed communication between medical patients and their families who frequently live in another country. Charley was appointed to study this idea and report back to the board how we can best support this public service effort. Charley also suggested that call books be purchased by the club so members could use them. This idea was tabled until next month's meeting.