

**B-VARC Board of Directors Meeting
Action & Comments, July 1, 1991**

by Dick Kruse, N5OUT, Recording Secretary

The minutes of the June Board of Directors meeting were read and approved.

Cash on hand in the club treasury is \$2,836.75. Five people joined B-VARC and paid their dues since the last meeting. The club now has 188 members.

Club President Allen Mattis, N5AFV, discussed the difficulties he had communicating with the ARRL to inform them that Glenn Edwards, WB4LZG, was appointed our Amateur Radio Instructor of record and Steve Dunkelberger, N5JBL, is the new ARRL Liaison. Among other things done for the club during the last month, Allen communicated our new meeting location to World Radio Magazine; sent a Thank You letter to Lou McFadden, W5DID, for being our guest speaker at our last general meeting; and sent the check for the next quarterly payment to the Ham Radio Helpline.

75 people signed the guest register at Field Day, June 22 and 23, at Bear Creek Park. Six stayed all night. Approximately 1,200 contacts were made. \$135 was spent on food, \$43 short of what was collected. The club made up the \$43 difference.

To remain within the FCC Rules & Regulations for all future Public Service events, we must be sure to communicate only those items that are for health and safety. A letter will be written carefully spelling out club guidelines for all future Public Service events. A July 1991 article in *QST Magazine* provides additional information. Four Public Service Events are scheduled: October 12, 20K Warm-Up Race at Walden on Lake Conroe and the Alamo Challenge Bike Tour; November 9, 25K Warm-Up Race at Cinco Ranch; and December 7, 30K Warm-Up Race in First Colony.

There have been fourteen to fifteen checkins to the Rag Chew Net each week.

Gerry Borg, N5APW, Trustee of the M.E.R.A., 145.47 repeater, reported that different volunteers are calling the Public Service Net, Monday night, 9 pm. Randy Pollard, AK5G, is the newest member of the M.E.R.A. Board of Directors. Improvements are being made to the repeater with a Micor repeater to run 30 watts, a new antenna with about 6 db more gain, and new coax. Installing an Auto Patch will be discussed at the next M.E.R.A. board meeting July 17th.

The program for the General Membership meeting July 11th, will be an Ice Cream Social with videos of Field Day.

Forty-one exams were given at the last VE test session.

The next Novice/Tech No-Code class will begin October 7.

The Sidewalk Sale in June was successful, but the rain ended it about 9 A.M. Approximately thirty-three of us went to breakfast at Champs.

A thirty-cup coffee pot will be purchased for future club functions.