

**B-VARC Board of Directors Meeting
Action & Comments, July 1, 1991**
by Dick Kruse, N5OUT, Recording Secretary

The minutes of the July 1, 1991, Board of Directors meeting was read and approved.

Cash on hand in the club treasury was \$2,844.85.

Copies of the 1991 Field Day Video presented at the July General Membership meeting will be offered for \$10.00 each. Profits of about \$5.00 per tape will go into the club treasury.

Club President Allen Mattis, N5AFV, sent a B-VARC promotional letter to all new Hams in our area of Houston, to new Ham license upgrades, to Hams that have moved into the area, and to non-Hams

that have requested information about Amateur Radio from the ARRL.

A letter was sent to Walt Peckham, Harris County Parks Administration Office, thanking him for his assistance during Field Day and a letter was also sent to Jacob Miketta thanking him for the maps he prepared showing the location of club meetings.

A Comprehensive Liability insurance policy covering all club functions was renewed at an annual cost of \$168.00.

A letter from David Glass was read thanking our V.E. team for the professional way in which the tests were administered. David recently passed the Novice and Technician Plus tests. The B-VARC Board extended a special Thank You to our hard-working V.E. team. Last year our team gave 3% of all ARRL-sponsored Amateur Radio exams in the United States.

The Board unanimously approved moving our General Membership meetings to the Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, for October, November, and December of 1991 and for all of 1992. The September, 1991, General Membership meeting will be held at the Missouri City Fire Station.

Since 1992 is the fifteenth anniversary of B-VARC, it was deemed appropriate that a major celebration should be held in commemoration. Bids are now being sought for the Awards Banquet in January and Bill Dessens, N5KXU, volunteered to head a commemorative special-events station. Planning for other celebration events is proceeding.

The Nominating Committee is hard at work and has already had one meeting. An article will appear soon in the B-VARC *Bulletin* seeking volunteers to fill board offices. Members of the committee are: Chairman, Bill Dessens, N5KXU; Jack Van Demark, WN5A; and Dave Dyer, AA5GA.

After extensive research into the FCC Rules and Regulations surrounding public service events, Steve Dunkelberger, N5JBL, pointed out that all Ham communications for public service events must make the general public the primary beneficiary and not the sponsor of the event. Steven presented a write-up detailing guidelines to be followed for all future events.

There have been ten to thirteen check-ins to the Rag Chew Net each week.

The program for the August General Membership meeting will be a Handi-Talki Shoot Out. Club members will be asked to bring their Handi-Talkies to the meeting and tell what they like about them.

There are now 197 members in the club.

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

There were approximately 25 vendors at the July Sidewalk Sale. The event went well.

It was reported that the Board of Directors of the M.E.R.A. repeater (145.47) voted to install an auto-patch on the machine. Those who wish to use the autopatch can make application to M.E.R.A. and will receive a 4-digit access number.