

**B-VARC Board of Directors Meeting
Action & Comments, September 5, 1991**

by Dick Kruse, N5OUT, Recording Secretary

The minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting was read and approved.

Cash on hand in the club treasury is \$2,472.43. \$100 in field day video sales was turned in.

A proposal was presented and accepted for the annual Awards Banquet to be held January 9, 1992, at the Marriott Hotel on the West Loop by the Galleria. Cost per person will be \$17.00, the same as last year.

Doug Holley, KE5SR, volunteered to host a fall picnic at his place on October 19, 1991. The cost will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under twelve. Start time is 11:00 am. Rain date is the following Saturday.

B-VARC, along with Fort Bend Emergency Management, will sponsor a Weather Spotter Seminar presented by club president, Allen Mattis, N5AFV. It will be held September 24, 1991, 7:00 pm, at Wharton County Junior College.

Correspondence by Allen Mattis, N5AFV, in the past month includes: sending a copy of the David Glass letter to Harold Parker, ND5F, thanking the VE team for a job well done; a letter to Bud King, N5UOF, asking him to firm the meeting dates at the Sugar Land Community Center for October, November, and December, 1991, and for all of 1992; a letter was sent Jim Heil, Houston Ham Helpline, asking him to list the Weather Spotter Seminar on the Helpline; a letter was sent to A.J. Blackwell, in charge of communications for the upcoming 20K race; a letter was sent to Gerry Borg, N5APW, requesting that the Harris County Precinct Five telephone number be put on the 145.47 repeater phone-patch speed dial.

Bill Dessens, N5KXU, B-VARC immediate past president, said that he and his committee are hard at work compiling a slate of candidates to run in the upcoming Board election.

It was reported that there are four upcoming public service events for which we will be providing communications: the 20K, 25K, 30K, and the Alamo Challenge. Also, on October 7th, Steve Dunkelberger, N5JBL, will present a seminar at Strake Jesuit on the proper procedures for working public service events.

There have been ten to thirteen checkins each week to the Rag Chew Net.

A couple of ideas for future programs for the monthly General Membership meetings include having

some of our past-presidents talk about the early days of B-VARC and a program on HF rigs.

We now have 201 members in the club.

The next Novice/Tech No-Code Class will begin October 7th at Strake Jesuit. Approximately 16 persons are currently signed up for the next class.

It was reported that of the eight hams that participated in installing HF antennas on Ronald McDonald House, five were members of B-VARC. About \$1,000 in goods and services were donated to the project and almost all of it came from B-VARC members.

Gerry Borg, N5APW, trustee of the 145.47 repeater, reported that the MERA Board of Directors is very happy with the controller and autopatch that were recently installed. He said that he did not believe that the character of the machine had changed because of the autopatch. The next improvement to the machine will be the installation of a Micor repeater and new coax. Gerry asked the Board to consider making a contribution towards the upgrade project so as not to have another fund-raising drive. He will research the costs of the planned improvements and report back to the Board.