

**B-VARC Board of Directors Meeting
Action & Comments, November 7, 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 was \$2,867.14. \$220.00 was collected for the fall picnic and about \$200.00 was spent.

President, Allen Mattis, N5AFV, reported that the new tax package recently passed by the state of Texas does not include our club as previously believed. Any monies received for the tax will be refunded. Changing our club's legal status to 501(c)(3) is being investigated as there appear to be many benefits.

The annual January Banquet, to be held on the 8th at the Marriott Hotel on the West Loop, will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Happy Hour; the banquet will be served at 7:30 p.m. The price is \$17.00 per person, tax and tip included.

A committee recommended that the Loop and Zepp Award be a nice plaque. The plaque will also be given to the two past recipients of the award so that all recipients will have the same award.

Correspondence during the past month: Thank-you letters were sent to Doug Holly, KE5SR, and his wife; Vic Richard, N5NAS; and Jack Van Demark, WN5A; for their outstanding work on the fall picnic.

We are pleased that various members have assisted in setting up and putting away the chairs and tables at our monthly General Membership meeting.

We are happy to report that there was more help than needed at the picnic, and it was a great success. Doug Holly, KE5SR, volunteered to host the picnic again next year. It was suggested that we start organizing the picnic next year two months in advance.

The Nominations Committee reported they have one person that has agreed to run for each position on the Board of Directors. All is ready to go for the November 7th election.

There were twelve people that worked the 20K race at Waldon on Lake Houston. The next event is the 25K on November 9th.

There was an average of 17 check-in's each week to the Rag Chew Net.

The program for the November General Membership meeting will be a chili supper and election of officers. Nothing definite is lined up for December; however, it is possible that the speaker will be Dr. Neil Frank, weatherman for Channel 11.

We now have 212 members in the club.

All is going well with the B-VARC *Bulletin*; however, everyone was encouraged to get information in earlier to the editor, Vincent Orlando, WA5ETS. Madison Electronics has agreed to run an ad in the *Bulletin* for the next six months.

Our regular monthly V.E. program is going well. The B-VARC V.E. team will be giving exams at the November Hamcom.

The drop out rate at the Novice/Tech class is not as high as usual. Twenty-four people are attending the classes.

The owner of the property where the monthly Sidewalk Sale is held called wanting to know if we had information about the person who made deep tire tracks in the parking lot. The property owner said he was aware the damage was not caused by any of those attending the Sidewalk Sale, but thought we might have some information about who may have done it.

Unfinished business: Gerry Borg, N5APW, was to check into the cost of coax for the M.E.R.A. 145.47 machine upgrade and report to the Board concerning a donation towards the project. After considerable discussion, including unanimous support from everyone at the meeting for the M.E.R.A. machine and the upgrade project, it was determined that much more money could be raised by going directly to the B-VARC club members. The request was withdrawn.