

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

by Dick Kruse, N5OUT, Recording Secretary

The minutes of the last Board of Directors Meeting
are read and approved unanimously.

Cash on hand in the club treasury was \$3,110.51.
To date, about fifty people have paid their dues for

1992 and about fifteen people have signed up and paid for the January banquet.

President, Allen Mattis, N5AFV, stated he was attempting to get Door Prizes for the January banquet and planned to recognize the recipients of previous awards at this year's event. There is one more week (till Dec. 12th) remaining for written nominations to be received for this year's awards.

Both Allen Mattis, N5AFV, President, and Randy Pollard, AK5G, President Elect, feel it is very important for us to change the club's tax status to 501(C)(3). An attorney has volunteered his services to help make the change.

A letter was received from the Sugar Land Community Center requesting volunteers from our club for the Channel 13 Christmas Food Drive, Friday, December 13th.

Correspondence: Allen, N5AFV, received a letter from Burns Clealand thanking us for the donations made by club members to the recent balloon launch. Jim Heil, Ham Radio Helpline, said he'd be happy to announce our club events as long as he receives them with enough advance notice. Mary Ann McBrayer sent a nice thank you letter for providing communications for the Marathon Warmup Series of races. A thank you letter was sent to Carl Albrecht, Jr., KB5KJT, acknowledging him for the outstanding way he handled communications at the Cinco Ranch 25K race when a hot air balloon landed on the race track.

Bill Dessens, N5KXU, reported he plans to confer with the new Board of Directors regarding the Special Event Station being planned to celebrate the club's fifteenth anniversary next year.

Thirty-four club members volunteered to provide communications for the First Colony 30K race scheduled for December 14th.

There was a high of twenty-one check-ins and a low of fourteen check-ins each week to the Rag Chew Net.

All is going well with the Monday night Public Service Net on 145.47. Certificates will be given to those that volunteered to be Net Control during the past year.

The program for the December General Membership meeting will be about video, presented by program chairman, Steve Shirk, N5SDL.

EPO and Dave and Cindy Hammer have renewed their ads for the B-VARC *Bulletin*.

A record 130 exams were given by our V.E. team at Hamcom in November. The bulk of the increase in exams came from those wanting a No Code license.

Sixteen of the twenty-one persons that attended the recent club-sponsored Novice/Tech class passed the exam. The next class will begin in March.

It was discussed that at least one more Novice/Tech class after the V.E. exam would be very helpful to possibility is to have the class at a restaurant, talk Ham radio, and offer elmer type help. Another thought is to begin weekly 'on air' code practice on two meters.

B-VARC President Elect, Randy Pollard, AK5G, stated that the Board of Director meetings next year will again be held at the Missouri City Fire Station. He also stated that a year's worth of speakers are arranged for next year's programs. Rather than have a Program chairman that is responsible for each program, a different person will be the host and will be in charge of each program. Stay tuned for 1992. New board members for 1992 were welcomed and those leaving the Board were thanked for their hard work and support during the past year.

Gerry Borg, N5APW, Trustee for the M.E.R.A. 145.47 repeater, promised that the new Micor repeater will be in place and functioning by January 1, 1992.