

**B-VARC Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes, December 3, 1992**
by Vincent Orlando, WA5ETS

A quorum of the B-VARC Board of Directors met at the Missouri City Fire Station on December 3rd. This was the last meeting of the year and also the last to be held at the fire station. Arrangements have been made to hold all board meetings as well as the monthly general membership meetings for the 1993 calendar year at the Sugar Land Community Center. No minutes of the November Board of Directors meeting were available.

The club treasurer reported a balance of \$3,042.39 at the end of October and \$3,681.63 at the end of November, 1992.

Among other routine correspondence that was handled, the president announced that the annual club report was mailed to the ARRL.

A letter from one of the members was read commending B-VARC members for outstanding service during the recent tornado relief efforts. It was decided to print excerpts of the letter in the next *Bulletin*.

Al Zermeno will be the main speaker at the December general membership meeting. His topic will be the status of nuclear fusion experiments.

A record of 1,751 runners was set at the recent 25K run held downtown in the cold. Numerous B-VARC members worked this race, and there were no incidents. A letter was sent to Bob White thanking him for the use of the City of Houston Office of Emergency Management repeater for handling talk-ins.

All nominations for B-VARC awards are due by the December 10th general membership meeting. These awards will be presented at the annual banquet in January. This year's banquet will again be \$17.00; it will be a coat and tie affair at the Marriott on the West Loop near the Galleria. Cocktails will begin at 6:30; dinner at 7:30 and awards at 8:30.

A minor revision of the B-VARC Membership Application Form was discussed and approved.

The process of the elections went well last month at the November meeting. Congratulations were extended to all new officers and board members.

The 30K warmup run will be on December 12th and will be chaired by Steve Dunkelberger, N5JBL. Everything seems to be well under control.

The MS-150 bicycle ride will be held April 17-18, 1993. Members of B-VARC attended the first planning meeting for this ride. Discussion as to whether this event should be sanctioned by B-VARC as one of its official activities was tabled until a future meeting when the new officers can discuss it.

The Tenneco Marathon will be in January, chaired by Carl Hacker, KB5LDY. A planning session was held already, and a meeting of those Hams who will be working this event will be organized sometime in early January (possibly January 9th) at Strake Jesuit.

The HF Rag Chew Net logged an all-time low of five check-in's on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The weekly average, however, has been consistently about sixteen to eighteen people.

The club has set another new record! There are 250 names on the B-VARC membership roster as of December 1, 1992.

All non-renewed memberships in the club expire on January 1, 1993.

EXCERPT OF A LETTER TO THE CLUB FROM IRV SMITH, KB5EXM

November 24, 1992

Dear Randy:

Please consider this letter as ... a suggestion for special acknowledgment for some of our members.

As you probably know from monitoring 145.47 Mhz, a number of B-VARC members gave extraordinarily of themselves in tornado relief efforts...

Perhaps especially deserving are Mark (N5UOA) and Paul (N5JQH). Mark went out on his own and established the need for help for those along Fry Road, and then organized the setting up of a checkpoint and possible shelter location. Paul served as land-line communicator for much of this first day's work. Mark then lined up many items for the Channelview effort. ... Paul solicited volunteers and goods and then went out one day in his truck to help deliver items to the needy.

Not to be overlooked are AL (KK5W), Jack (KB5TMY) and Larry (N5YYP), all of whom I think spent two days at Channelview.

Sincerely,

Irv Smith (KB5EXM)

Outgoing President Randy Pollard expressed his thanks to his slate of officers for their hard work and support, and he stated that he enjoyed serving the club as president this year. He in turn was congratulated and thanked for a job well done by those present.