

B-VARC Board of Directors Meeting

December 2, 1993

by Bud King, N5UOG

A quorum of the B-VARC Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on December 2, 1993. This was the twelfth meeting of the Board for the 1993 calendar year. The following Board members were in attendance: Betty Wilcox, KA0TEN; Doug Holley, KE5SR; Vincent Orlando, WA5ETS; Sam Wilson, N5CPA; Randy Pollard, AK5G; Victor Richard, N5NAS; Mel Thatcher, KB5ION; and Bud King, N5UOG.

President Betty Wilcox, KA0TEN, opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

The minutes of the November 4th meeting were submitted by Bud King, N5UOG, and approved as modified, and published, in the December Bulletin.

Club Treasurer Sam Wilson, N5CPA, reported a balance of \$3699.69 in the Treasury as of November 30, 1993. The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Vice President Doug Holley, KE5SR, reported that the B-VARC code class would have a test session, conducted by the V.E. Team headed by Harold Parker, ND5F, on December 13, 1993. The test session would end the activity for the time being. Doug made it known that if sufficient interest was indicated there was a possibility that the B-VARC code class could be resumed after the first of the year.

Claudia Kozinetz, N5VCX, who chairs the B-VARC Public Service Events Committee, was unable to attend the meeting. Claudia had previously submitted the committee's 1993 Annual Report to Betty Wilcox. The report consisted of five topics: Events; Participation; Publicity and Newsletter; Materials and Preparations; and Recommendations. President Betty Wilcox expressed her appreciation for a job well done to Claudia at the time she accepted the report. Allen Mattis, N5AFV, gave the Board a brief "Human Events" report on the last 25K warm-up race. He stated that an expanded report will appear in the January issue of the Bulletin.

Mel Thatcher, KB5ION, reporting on the B-VARC Rag Chew Net stated that they continue to have an average of fifteen check-ins every session.

Michael Ricco, N5YKR, expressed his gratitude to those who participated with him as the Net Control for the B-VARC Public Service Net in 1993. Randy Pollard, AK5G, as President of the M.E.R.A. repeater board of directors, explained to those in attendance the policy of the M.E.R.A. repeater board as to the disposition of the repeater control codes.

Vincent Orlando, WA5ETS, reported that Kelley Hughes, N5ULZ, has accepted the position of Editor in Chief of the B-VARC Bulletin. Vincent also reported that the Club membership had reached 275. A lively discussion followed Vincent's report concerning the cost of the Bulletin the mailing of the Bulletin, and the possibility of raising annual dues in order to defray the increased expenses. A motion was approved by the Board to appoint Carl Hacker, KB5LDY, as chairman, and any number of available past presidents of B-VARC to a committee for the purpose of studying and formulating a plan to keep B-VARC solvent. It is expected the committee will report back to the Board at the February Board meeting.

Betty Wilcox discussed the annual banquet as to the door prizes, awards, and the program.

Randy Pollard requested that a committee of B-VARC members be formed for the purpose of attending an organizational meeting of the Houston Ham Com, Inc.. This request was the result of an invitation sent to Randy by Richard T. Shankle, N5KV, the president of Ham Com, Inc.. The committee will consist of the following: Doug Holley, KE5SR, Harold Parker, ND5F, and Claudia Sessions, K5HFY.

Bill Dessens, N5KXU, requested and received permission to accept Lou Kronberg's, W5IHY, proposal to furnish B-VARC a three-foot by ten-foot banner at a cost of \$120.

The Board, as a whole and separately, congratulated Betty Wilcox for doing such a fine job during her year as President of B-VARC. Randy Pollard thanked the officers, Board members, and all Chairpersons for their services they had contributed to B-VARC during 1993.

Betty Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.