

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

by Bud King, N5UOG

quorum of the B-VARC Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on January 6, 1994. This was the first meeting of the Board of Directors for the 1994 calendar year. The following Board members were in attendance; Doug Holley, KE5SR; Mel Thatcher, KB5ION; Betty Wilcox, KA0TEN; Sam Wilson, N5CPA Victor Richard, N5NAS; Claude Sessions, K5HFY; and Bud King, N5UOG.

President Doug Holley, KE5SR, opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. The minutes of the December 2nd meeting were submitted by Bud King, N5UOG, and approved unanimously. Carl Hacker, KB5LDY, reported that all of the positions required to man the Houston-Tenneco Marathon had been filled.

Mel Thatcher, KB5ION, indicated in his report on the Rag Chew Net that the number of participants had increased in the last few weeks. One week he recorded 23 check-ins. He was pleased to check in a Maritime Mobile off the coast of Guatemala; a West Virginia station; and one located in the Catskill mountains. Mel thanked Doug Holley and Sam Wilson for their assistance in taking over as Net Control when he was unable to perform those duties.

Sam Wilson , N5CPA, reported that the club ended the 1993 year with a membership of 274 paid members. To date 137 members had paid their 1994 dues.

Harold Parker, ND5F, in absentia, volunteered to head up the B-VARC V.E. team again this year. The board was unanimous in accepting Harold's kind offer as he has done such a fine job the past year. Doug Holley, KE5SR, brought to the board's attention that it would be desirable to have a corporate sponsor to aid in the printing and production of the Bulletin. Claude Sessions, K5HFY, stated that he had discussed this with his supervisor and was asked to make a formal written request.

The following items were tabled for discussion at the next Board meeting: the use of Bulk mail for delivering the Bulletin, and the appointment of a special events chairperson.

Discussion was held regarding the Sidewalk sale. The club had received a letter from the State Comptroller's office regarding the collection of sales tax during events such as the sidewalk sale. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that B-VARC would not sponsor any such "Sidewalk Sales". Betty Wilcox, KA0TEN, volunteered to send out a special mailing regarding this decision.

Doug Holley, KE5SR, adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM.