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## **B-VARC Board of Directors Meeting**

**April 7, 1994**

by Bud King, N5UOG

A quorum of the B-VARC Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on April 7, 1994. This was the fourth meeting of the Board for the 1994 calendar year. The following Board members were in attendance: Doug Holley, KE5SR; Mel Thatcher, KB5ION; Betty Wilcox, KA0TEN; Sam Wilson, N5CPA; Claude Sessions, K5HFY; Vincent Orlando, WA%ETS; Bill Dessens, N5KXU; and Bud King, N5UOG.

President Holley, KE5SR, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. The minutes of the March Board meeting were submitted by Bud King and unanimously approved.

The Club Treasurer, Sam Wilson, N5CPA, reported a balance of \$4,032.01 in the treasury as of March 31, 1994. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Vice President, Mel Thatcher, KB510N, advised the Board that the Novice-Tech Classes have started, and are being conducted by Larry Levy, WD5DRB, with the assistance of Charles Prochaska, KG5KV, Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN, and Mel Thatcher, KB5ION. Mel's report included the information that the "Rag Chew Net" was alive and well with check-in's running from 15 to 23 per session.

President Holley introduced Bill Dessens, K5KXU, who will fill the unexpired term for the replaced director.

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, and Bret Pritchard, N5VOY, reported on the progress of the planning of the upcoming 1994 MS 150 Bike Tour. A statement was made that BVARC would contribute the services of 17 to 22 Hams for the tour. Approximately 100 volunteer Hams will be

responsible for the communications for the two day tour. Plans were discussed about establishing an HF link between La Grange and Houston in order to have a phone patch available for riders of the MS 150 tour.

Al Zermeno, KK5W, accepted the chairmanship of the BVARC Field Day Event. The Board unanimously expressed its appreciation for Al's acceptance of the position. Al advised the board that the "Ronald McDonald House Spring Fling" would be held on April 16th. The Board unanimously voted to renew its annual contribution to "World News". Claude Sessions, K5HFY, advised the Board that on a monthly basis he provides the "Fort Bend Lifestyle" magazine a BVARC information bulletin for inclusion in their event section. A suggestion was made by Bret Pritchard, N5VOY, and others, that a letter be sent to the Belleville Amateur Radio Club expressing the Board's concern and interest in the loss of their repeater tower during a recent windstorm.

BVARC will sponsor a new Code Class featuring 5 WPM to 13 WPM CW lessons starting on May 2nd. The classes will be held every Tuesday night from 7:00 to 8:30 at the Church of Christ.