

B-Varc Board of Directors Meeting

May 5, 1994

by Bud King, N5UOG

A quorum of the BVARC Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land community center on May 5th, 1994. This was the fifth meeting of the Board for the 1994 calendar year. The following Board members were in attendance: Doug Holley, KE5SR; Betty Wilcox, KA0TEN; Sam Wilson, N5CPA; Claude Sessions, K5HFY; Bill Dessens, N5KXU; and Bud King, N5UOG. President Holley opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The Club Treasurer, Sam Wilson, reported a balance of \$4009.87 in the treasury as of April 30, 1994. The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

President Holley in his opening remarks to the Board described his meeting and conversation with Richard Shankle, N5KV, while attending the Dayton Ham Convention. Doug was left with the impression the Houston Ham Comm organization would not have a 1994 convention. A lengthy discussion followed Doug's remarks, resulting in contacts being made with other local clubs for the purpose of determining whether or not there is interest in continuing the promotion of a convention for Amateur Radio enthusiasts.

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, reported that approximately 100 Hams were used during the 1994 MS150 Bike Tour with no major incidents occurring during the ride. A total of 4,770 riders participated in the two-day event. President Holley congratulated Mike and Bret Pritchard, N5VOY, on the super way they handled their portion of the Tour. Betty Wilcox,

KA0TEN, mentioned that 170 Tour riders had used the HF phone patch set up by **Al Zermeno, KK5W**, at LaGrange, with **George Taylor, AB5LT** providing the Houston-end operations.

Field Day Chairman Al Zermeno reported that he will have a 3-section tower and a 6-element beam antenna ready for use on Field Day. There will be 3 General class stations, a satellite station, and a Novice station set up for the event. Following Al's report a discussion developed about various types of antennas including a balloon-borne type used at a previous Field Day.

Harold Parker, ND5F, stated that all was well with the BVARC V.E. group, and they have had about 15 to 20 people taking exams every session.

Bruce Paige, KB5ZRV, was unanimously elected to be the Certified QSL card checker for BVARC. Bruce notified the Board that a second Technician contest would be held on May 22nd beginning at 6:00 AM and ending at 9:00 PM. He also showed the certificates that he would present to those who won them during the first Technician contest.

Doug Holley mentioned that he had picked up several devices for use at the BVARC code classes while he was in Dayton. After Doug displayed the devices the Board was unanimous in voting to reimburse Doug for the amount he had expended for them, and they will become a part of the BVARC equipment inventory.

Under new business the following subjects were discussed: a Skywarn class to be held at the George Library; a Hazardous Material Awareness class to be held in September; a Weather Program for a general BVARC meeting, to be presented by Bill Reed; the need for "Weather Spotters" for Fort Bend County; recognition for BVARC members that participate in the sponsored special events; a "QCWA" program to be presented at a general meeting by Randy Pollard, AK5G; and a "Direction Finding Equipment and Methods" program to be presented by Al Zermeno, Donn Washburn, N5XWB, and Nizar Mullani, K0NM. Kelley Hughes, N5ULZ, Editor in Chief of the BVARC Bulletin, reported on the mailing of the Bulletin to BVARC members. Consideration is being given to Bulk mailing the Bulletin, however no decision has been reached at this time.

President Holley adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.