

B-VARC BOARD MEETING

by Louis House, KD5GM
Recording Secretary

A quorum of the B-VARC Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center, on March 2, 1995. This was the third meeting of the calendar year. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Carl Cunert, WB8SVR.

The following Board Members and Guest were in attendance: Carl Cunert, WB8SVR; Doug Holley, KE5SR; Billy Jones, KC5EVD; Donn Washburn, N5XWB; Louis House, KD5GM; Claude Sessions, K5HFY; Bud King, N5UOG; Sam Wilson, N5CPA; Mike Hardwick, N5VCX; Frank Wood, W5GLD; Dave Hammer, WJ5B; John Hall, KC5EHW.

Corresponding Secretary, Billy Jones, KC5EVD, reported that the new labels for the news letter were printed on the 16th of February. also The new club roster was printed on March 2, 1995.

Treasurer, Donn Washburn, N5XWB reported that the treasury has a balance of \$ 3,522.00 as of March 2, 1995. Donn also reported a club membership of 159 to this date. A motion was made and passed to

except the treasurers report as read.

The February minutes were presented by Recording Secretary Louis House, KD5GM. a motion was made and passed to except the minutes as read.

John Hall, KC5EHW, gave a report on Field Day stating that the Field Day sight will be at the Katy County Park. John reported that Carl Hacker, KB5LDY, is willing to cook for the event. Also John is looking for commitments for both equipment and participation by April for our Field Day event. Other persons assisting John are: Allen Brier, WB5BIR; Dwayne Jones, KB5YTA; and Michael Ricco, N5YKR.

Sam Wilson, N5CPA, net manager for the 75 meter rag chew reported that the net is doing well with 15 check ins for a high and 8 check ins for a low for the month of February. Sam reminded us that the net time will change in April to 8:00 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time.

Louis House, KD5GM, Chair of the B-VARC Code Class reported that the class is doing very well with an average of 10 persons in attendance for the last four weeks. Louis also reported that Robert Moore, KC5MBV, a new Club member, donated eight blank tapes to B-VARC for use in the Code Class.

Bud King, N5UOG, reported that he has

received confirmation from the Houston Engineering and Scientific Society for the use of their facilities to hold the B-VARC Banquette for the years 1996 and 1997. Bud will give President Cunert, WB8SRV a copy of the confirmation letter.

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, Special Events Coordinator, reported that he is getting more calls throughout the year for communications help for special events. Mike reported that Fort Bend County is having a March of Dimes Walkathon on April 2. This event may have as many as 6 or 7 hundred participants and officials are looking for help with communications. Other events scheduled for March are the K9 Fun Run, on March 12, MS Walkathon on March 19, and the Blue Bonnet Bike Ride on March 26. Also the Clean Air Challenge will be held on May 14th. Mike introduced Dave Hammer, WJ5B, a past member of B-VARC, as the technical advisor for the MS 150. Mike stated that Dave is looking into the possibility of a multi-repeater link into the Houston area to enhance coverage for this event. The date for the MS 150 is April 22 and 23.

President Cunert, WB8SVR spoke briefly about the possibility of B-VARC acquiring a 501-C3 Tax status with the IRS, followed by some discussion with no action taken.

Bud King, N5UOG, reported that Harold Parker, NDSF, had been asked by the Pearland Amateur Radio Club if the B-VARC VE Team would like to sponsor a VE test session for their Ham Fest which will be held on May 6, 1995 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. After a short discussion the Board voted unanimously for the B-VARC VE Team to hold the test session at the Pearland Ham Fest.

There was some discussion about the possibility of putting some B-VARC public

service information on a packet bulletin board ; items like the B-VARC membership application, newsletter, and a club events calendar. A motion was made and passed to table the discussion until more information can be obtained.

Doug Holley, KE5SR, brought to the boards attention that in the past there has been a yearly calendar for B-VARC which listed many of the clubs activities for the current year and this practice should continue. President Cunert, WB8SVR said he would get the calendar done and also keep to the practice of notifying the board members of the board meeting each month.

Then a motion was made and passed for President Cunert, WB8SVR to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.