

BVARC BOARD MEETING

by Louis House - KD5GM

A quorum of the BVARC board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center, On June 1, 1995. This was the sixth meeting of the calendar year. In the absence of President Carl Cunert, WB8SVR ; the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice President Ron Grimes - WA5SCE.

The following Board Members and Guests were in attendance: Carl Cunert - WB8SVR; Ron Grimes - WA5SCE; Donn Washburn - N5XWB; Louis House - KD5GM; Billy Jones - KC5EVD; Victor Richard - N5NAS; Bud King - N5UOG; Sam Wilson - N5CPA; Mike Hardwick - N5VCX; Dwayne Jones - KB5YTA; Carl Hacker - KB5LDY; Allen Brier - WB5BIR; Betty Wilcox. KA0TEN; Larry Levy. WD5DRB; Al Zermeno - KK5W; Jackie Burton - KC5OHJ; Mark Vaglianti - KC5FMT; Casy Allen Kirkgard - KC5NMS.

Treasurer Don Washburn, N5XWB, presented the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$ 4299.12 on June 1, 1995. A motion to accept the report was approved unanimously.

Recording Secretary Louis House - KD5GM; presented the minutes for April and May. In the May minutes, the second sentence of the eleventh paragraph should read [The Soap Box Derby Officials " do not " want our help.], and the fourth sentence of the tenth paragraph the word " consciences " should be spelled " consensus ". With these corrections the minutes were approved with a motion that passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary Billy Jones - KC5EVD; reported that the labels for the June newsletter are finished. Billy stated that he is still looking into some options for ID badges for those who may wish to get one. Billy also reported he had attended a Hurricane workshop early in the day and that June 1 is the start of hurricane season and according to predictions from officials the 1995 season could have as many 9 named storms and 6 of these may become be hurricanes and possibly 2 of the these hurricanes may have winds of 110 mph or more.

Bud King - N5UOG; Reported that the Club's ginpole is in the possession of Frank Wood - W5GLD; if it is needed

for Field Day arrangements to pick it up can be made by giving Mr Wood a call at home.

Bud King - N5UOG; Reported that the Sugar Land Police Department is starting it's own EOC Bud and Harold Parker - ND5F were contacted by Dale Culler , the soon to be EOC for Sugar Land, to assist in the setting up of emergency communications equipment for their new building. Bud said he would like to have permission from the board to follow up with assistance for the Sugar Land Officials. A motion was made for Bud King - N5UOG and Harold Parker - ND5F to act in behalf of BVARC in this matter and was passed unanimously.

Vice President Ron Gimes. WA5SCE said that the May Newsletter looked really good and thanked Larry Levy - WD5DRB for his nice work. Larry thanked all the contributors of articles for the newsletter for their timely response. Larry reported that because Claude Sessions - K5HFY was ill at the time of the printing, the newsletter was printed at Kinko's for a cost of \$138.00. Except for a few glitches, most of the newsletters reached the members and copies were distributed to the usual stores in the area.

Rag Chew Net Manager. N5CPA; Reported check in numbers from 9 to 18 for May. Because of other commitments Sam will not be NCS for the June 14 Net and knows there will be an alternate NCS for that night.

Special Events Coordinator Mike Hardwick - N5VCX; reported some of the upcoming events will be: The Katy Flatland on July 23, the Alamo Challenge on September 23 - 24 and the MS Duro Skate in October. Mike offered information concerning the future of Amateur Radio frequency allocations. In basics, the big business of commercial communications is interested in gaining as much frequency spectrum as possible and government may swing to allocate more frequency spectrum to these services. There was some discussion on the subject. Mike said, that helping put on public service events will help keep Amateur Radio in the publics eye and hence a reason to occupy the Amateur Bands.

Field Day Chair, Allen Brier - WB5BIR; reported on Field Day 1995. Allen said he, John Hall - KC5EHW and Dwayne Jones - KB5YTA would be doing a program on Field Day for the membership meeting, Thursday June 8. Allen also reported that there will be three stations on the air for the event. Carl Hacker reported that he is planning on 80 or so people to have pasta dinner at Field Day. Dinner should be served at 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. For those who want lunch they should make their own plans.

Al Zermeno - KK5W; reported on Houston Ham Comm. The dates are still set for November 3, 4, and 5. Al received a letter from NASA advising that they are trying to locate an Astronaut who is a licensed Amateur to speak at the Houston Ham Comm. Al is looking for anyone who will chair a session of the Ham Comm. The Chair's job will be to find speakers for such subjects as antennas, packet, public service events, traffic handling, technical, or other topics of interest to Amateur Radio.

Donn Washburn - N5XWB; brought to the Board's attention the need to decide if BVARC wishes to renew the \$ 60.00 per year donation to *World Radio*. Followed by discussion about the benefits of this program, a motion was made and passed to continue with this program. He also presented Allen Brier - WB5BIR with a Club Banner to be used for Field Day if he wished.

President Carl Cunert, WB8SVR acknowledged our two new visitors, Jackie Burton - KC5OHJ and Allen Kirkgard - KC5NMS, and then adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

