

BVARC BOARD MEETING

by Louis House—KD5GM

A quorum of the BVARC Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center, on July 7, 1995. This was the seventh meeting of the calendar year. President Carl Cunert, WB8SVR, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The following Board members and guests were in attendance: Carl Cunert, WB8SVR; Donn Washburn, N5XWB; Louis House, KD5GM; Billy Jones, KC5EVD; Victor Richard, N5NAS; Bud King, N5UOG; Carl Hacker, KB5LDY; Betty Wilcox, KA0TEN; Allen Brier, WB5BIR; Connie Brier; Larry Levy, WD5DRB; Jackie Burton, KC5OHJ; Sam Wilson, N5CPA; and Dwayne Jones, KB5YTA.

Recording Secretary Louis House, KD5GM, presented the June minutes. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote after the changes "Houston Ham Comm" to read "Gulf Coast Ham Comm" and the addition of Carl Hacker's call sign "KB5LDY."

Treasurer, Donn Washburn, N5XWB, Presented the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$3,887.42. The report was accepted with a unanimous vote. Donn also reported a club membership of 200.

Sara Wilson, N5CPA, Rag Chew Net Manager reported a good month with check-ins ranging from 8 to 14. Sam thanked Mel Thatcher, KB5ION and Charlie Prochaska, KG5KV for filling in as Net Control in his absence during the month of June.

Bud King, N5UOG, presented a schedule of the confirmed dates that have been reserved for the BVARC meetings from the period of July 2, 1996 to December 12, 1996. All Board meetings during this period are on the first Thursday of the month; however, there are four membership meetings that will not fall on the second Thursday of the month. These dates are: July 18, August 22, October 17, and November 21. Bud reported that the growing community use of the Sugar Land Community Center facilities and the fact that BVARC is a non-profit organization, placing the club as a number three priority user, was the reason second Thursdays were hard to

acquire for this six-month period. The Board thanked Bud for all his hard work in acquiring these facilities for the club.

Allen Brier, WBSBIR, gave an impressive report on the BVARC Field Day operation, stating that more contacts were made this year than last. Allen gave a complete rundown of the bonus points earned for the event. Allen also stated that a report will appear in the newsletter for August. The Board thanked Allen Brier, WBSBIR; John Hall, KC5EHW; Dwayne Jones, KB5YTA; and Michael Ricco, N5YKR for all their hard work, putting together a fine Field Day. A very special thanks was given to Carl Hacker, KB5LDY, for the splendid meal prepared for Field Day.

President Carl Cunert, WB8SVR, appointed Jackie Burton, KC5OHJ, to the Board as Editor of the BVARC newsletter. President Cunert thanked Ms. Burton for taking the job. Bud King, N5UOG, suggested that the wording "Serving Fort Bend and Harris Counties" on the header of the newsletter may be outdated as a description of BVARC's service area. Followed by some discussion, a motion was made for the wording on the header of the newsletter to be changed to read "Serving the Greater Houston Area." The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Larry Levy, WD5DRB, recommended that word be passed on during the nets for articles for the newsletter to be passed on to Jackie Burton, KC5OHJ. Larry also pointed out that a public service net call-up procedure is published in the newsletter for July and that all members might want to keep it for future use, in case it is necessary for any one person to call the Net.

President Carl Cunert, WB8SVR, stated the FCC will allow vanity call signs to clubs in September and that he would like for the club to have a contest to pick a call sign for BVARC. Carl said that a prize can be decided on at the next Board meeting.

Dwayne Jones, KB5YTA, BVARC Public Service Net Manager, suggested that all announcements on the PSN be limited to two and a half minutes. Dwayne stated that this procedure would allow ample time for all the announcements, Newline and still run

the Net in a timely manner. Followed by some discussion, it was determined that a motion was not necessary for the Net Manager to adopt this procedure. A hearty thanks was given to Dwayne for doing a fine job with the Net.

Donn Washburn, N5XWB, brought to the Board's attention the possibility of purchasing a phone line to access the "Internet," and run those portions of the service that would be of interest to the amateur community through packet radio. It was determined that a program on this idea be put together for one of our membership meetings.

President Carl Cunert, WB8SVR, adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. with a unanimous vote.