

## B-VARC BOARD MEETING

*by Louis House—KD5GM*

A quorum of the B-VARC Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center, on August 3, 1995. This was the eighth meeting of the calendar year. President, Carl Cunert—WB8SVR, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The following Board Members and guest were in attendance: Carl Cunert,—WB8SVR; Ron Grimes—WA5SCE; Donn Washburn—N5XWB; Louis House—KD5GM; Billy Jones—KC5EVD; Victor Richard—N5NAS; Claude Sessions—K5HFY; Bud King—N5UOG; Sam Wilson—N5CPA; Mike Hardwick—N5VCX; Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ; Harold Parker—ND5F; Terry McCoy—KK5RL and Pete Norris—KJ5SS.

Recording Secretary, Louis House—KD5GM, presented the July minutes. The minutes were accepted with a motion which was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer Donn Washburn—N5XWB, presented the financial report, showing a balance of \$3,717.70 on August 3, 1995. Donn also reported a current membership of 210. The report was accepted with a motion and second that passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary, Billy Jones—KC5EVD, reported on the new club roster, pointing out the change to a landscape format. Billy also stated that he will be adding packet and e-mail addresses to the roster for those members who have one and want it published in the roster.

B-VARC Rag Chew Net Manager, Sam Wilson—N5CPA, reported that the B-VARC Rag Chew net, which meets on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. on 3960kHz, + or - 3kHz, had a high of 16 check-ins on July 5, and that thunderstorms made for a slow net on July 12. On July 19 and 26, the net had 12 check-ins. Sam said that phone check-ins are welcome for those who are not yet licensed for this frequency. The phone number is announced on the air during the net. Also, Doug Holley—KE5SR and Craig Culver—AB5OK, checked in during the month. Sam also stated that he would like to have some volunteers in outlying areas to pick up

the net when he has thunderstorms in his area.

Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, Public Service Coordinator, reported that the last quarter of this year will be very busy months for public service events. On September 23rd and 24th is the Alamo Challenge Bike Tour. On October 8th is the 20K Warm-Up. On October 21st and 22nd is the Houston Symphony Classic, as well as the Wings Over Houston Air Show. The MS Enduroskate will be on October 28th, followed by the Texas Coastal Bike Ride on October 29th. The 20K Warm-Up and MS Enduroskate both need coordinator positions filled. Mike stated that he would assist anyone who would fill these coordinator positions.

Harold Parker—ND5F, presented copies of posters that he made up to advertise the B-VARC Morse Code Class and the 2 Meter Code Practice Net. Harold asked that if it met with the board's approval, the posters could be published in the newsletter and that a note could be attached, asking recipients of the newsletter to inquire at some of the local Radio Shack stores about placing the posters there to advertise the Code Class and Code Practice Net. Followed by some discussion, it was determined that printing the posters in the newsletter and handing them out at the local stores was a good idea.

Harold Parker—ND5F, presented an old B-VARC membership card and suggested that it might be a good idea to start issuing membership cards again, as we did in the past. Some discussion followed, but no action was taken.

Harold Parker—ND5F, asked if the Board had been contacted by members of the Gulf Coast Ham Convention about the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club participating at the Convention in November. The board members stated that no formal request for B-VARC to participate in the Convention had been received. Harold reminded the board that the B-VARC VE group only gave exams for special events with the board's approval. There was much discussion about the board not being approached, but no action was taken at this time.

Harold Parker—ND5F, brought to question, before the board, the fact that on several occasions the - (hyphen) used in the club's hyphenated acronym "B-VARC" has been omitted from the B-VARC BULLETIN. Harold submitted a letter dated August 3, 1995, addressed

to "All B-VARC Board of Directors," reference: "Name of our News Letter." Attached to the letter was a copy of the August 1980 edition of the B-VARC BULLETIN, Vol. 3, No. 2 (we think), published by Stu Lamkin—WB5IGG, our first editor, showing the name of our club's newsletter being established and recorded to be "the B-VARC BULLETIN." After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to mandate the use of the hyphenated form of B-VARC on all present and future occasions when referring to or describing the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club with its acronym. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer, Donn Washburn—N5XWB, brought before the board a soon to be due insurance policy, which covers commercial general liability. Donn requested the board's approval before paying the due premium. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to pay the premium and continue to carry the insurance policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer, Donn Washburn—N5XWB, brought to the board's attention that it is very difficult to return monies to those who overpay their dues by means of a check. The reimbursement checks need board approval and the by-laws do not allow for advanced payment of dues, so the monies cannot be applied to the next year. After much discussion, President Carl Cunert—WB8SVR, appointed a committee consisting of Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, Harold Parker—ND5F and Billy Jones—KC5EVD, to look into changing the wording in the by-laws to allow for a 12-month expiration date from the date dues are paid, and also, a multiple year dues structure will be under consideration.

Claude Sessions—K5HFY, asked the board's permission to use the club's call sign—KC5OIG, to obtain for B-VARC a Ten Ten and SHOT number. The board gave their approval of the use of the club call. Claude stated that he would like to offer a display at the next club meeting of magazines and books which are offered by handicapped individuals. The items offered are free; however, donations would be accepted.

President, Carl Cunert—WB8SVR, asked the board if the club wanted to offer a prize to the person who submitted the vanity call that was selected for the club. It was suggested that this idea be put before the general meeting to see if the

membership wants to pursue a vanity call for the club.

President, Carl Cunert—WB8SVR, raised the question of a Nominating Committee for the election of next year's officers. It was pointed out that the by-laws state the procedure for selection of who serves on the Nominating Committee.

With a motion that was seconded and passed unanimously, President, Carl Cunert—WB8SVR, adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.