

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 September 7, 1995. This was the ninth 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; Louis House—KD5GM; Donn Washburn—N5XWB; Billy Jones—KC5EVD; Victor Richard—N5NAS; Claude Sessions—K5HFY; Bud King—N5UOG; Al Zermeno—KK5W; Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ; Mike Hardwick—N5VCX; Dwayne Jones—KB5YTA; and Jack Roberts—KB5TMY.

Treasurer Donn Washburn—N5XWB, presented the financial report, showing a balance of \$3,542.70 to this date. The report was approved with a unanimous vote.

Recording Secretary, Louis House—KD5GM, presented the minutes for the month of August. The minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, in the absence of Sam Wilson—N5CPA, gave the report for the B-VARC Rag Chew Net. The Net meets on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. on 3960kHz, + or - 3kHz for QRM. The high check-in for the month of August was 16 on the 2nd and the low was 11 on the 30th. Phone check-ins are welcome, and the number to call is announced on the net.

Special Events Coordinator, Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, reported that the ALAMO Challenge bike ride is in need of volunteers. The event is on the 23rd and 24th of September. This is a Saturday and Sunday. Mike expressed his concern to the Board that too few of our members are volunteering to help with the public service events. These events are an excellent way to show amateur radio's worth as a public service to our communities. Mike said "B-VARC was built up on the basis of public service." There was much discussion on how to get B-VARC club members more interested in participating in the 14 events that B-VARC sponsors the communications for each year. The idea of awards, such as certificates for service, was discussed.

Also, the possibility of having our Section Manager speak at one of our general meetings might be a good idea.

President Cunert—WB8SVR, thanked Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, for all his hard work in the area of public service through amateur radio.

Donn Washburn—N5XWB, raised the question concerning the proposed dues structure amendment changes to be made to the by-laws. The changes sought would allow for 12-month membership to start on the date that dues are first paid and expire 12 months from that date. Billy Jones—KC5EVD, said that the appointed committee of Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, Harold Parker—ND5F and himself had not met to-date. Billy said the committee would meet soon. It was determined that the amendments could be published in the September bulletin and in a timely fashion, be voted on at the October general membership meeting. No further action was taken.

Donn Washburn—N5XWB, brought to the Board's attention the issue of selling the club's gin pole. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to sell the gin pole. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Dwayne Jones—KB5YTA, program chairman stated that John Moore—KK5NU, will speak at the September meeting. The program will be on the Internet. Louis House—KD5GM, will speak at the October meeting and that program will be on the ARRL's National Traffic System and the Public Service Honor Roll. There will be no program for the November meeting because that meeting will be the time for the nomination of officers for 1996. The December meeting is still open. There was also much discussion about a picnic for the club, followed by much discussion.

Al Zermeno—KK5W, responded to a previous request from President, Carl Cunert—WB8SVR, concerning teaching theory classes for novice and technician class amateur radio licenses. Al said he would be glad to teach the theory classes and that he would like other persons in the club to help out. The location and date had not been decided at this time. President Cunert thanked Al for volunteering to teach the theory classes.

Billy Jones—KC5EVD, stated that he is still working on finding vendors to do

badges for club members who may want them. After some discussion, President, Carl Cunert—WB8SVR, said that Billy could explain to the membership what he has found available in the way of badges.

Bud King—N5UOG, asked if there had been any further discussion about the B-VARC VE group being asked, formally, to sponsor a test session for the Gulf Coast Ham Comm. Al Zermeno—KK5W, stated that he could officially request the B-VARC VE group to put on a test session and that he would contact Harold Parker—ND5F, concerning this matter. No further action was taken at this time.

Louis House—KD5GM, presented a letter which he had received in care of the B-VARC Board of Directors. The letter expressed the disappointment, from one of B-VARC's members, in the amount of distractions created by several side conversations taking place at the same time other members are giving club announcements during our club meetings. After much discussion about being courteous to speakers and listeners alike, President, Carl Cunert—WB8SVR, said he would cover this issue at the September general meeting.

Bud King—N5UOG, asked the Board's permission in making a donation to the City of Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department for a "Halloween Night For the Kids" event that the City holds for the community children each year. The Board members all agreed that the donation was a good idea. The Board asked Bud to please make the donation and be reimbursed in the near future.

President, Carl Cunert—WB8SVR, read a letter of resignation to the Board. President Cunert's Resignation will take effect on September 27, 1995. The reading of the letter was acknowledged with a warm round of applause. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes. [Letter follows on next page.]

A motion to adjourn was passed with a unanimous vote at 9:10 p.m.

