

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 October 5, 1995. This was the tenth meeting of the calendar year. In the absence of acting President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, the meeting was called to order by Louis House—KD5GM, at 7:33 p.m.

The following Board members and guests were in attendance: Louis House—KD5GM; Billy Jones—KC5EVD; Donn Washburn—N5XWB; Claude Sessions—K5HFY; Victor Richard—N5NAS; Bud King—N5UOG; Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ; Mike Hardwick—N5VCX; Sam Wilson—N5CPA; Al Mattis—N5AFV; Dwayne Jones—KB5YTA; Pete Norris—KJ5SS; Jim Cahanin—KB5TBZ; Terry McCoy—KK5RL; Jack Roberts—KB5TMY and Larry Wilson—N5YYP

Recording Secretary, Louis House—KD5GM, presented the September minutes. The minutes were accepted with a motion that passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary, Billy Jones—KC5EVD, reported that the appointed committee for the proposed changes to the by-laws regarding the pay cycle of club dues had not had a chance to meet. Billy said the committee would like to keep the issue open for proposals at a later date. A motion was made to table the proposed changes to the by-laws to a future date. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer, Donn Washburn—N5XWB, reported a balance of \$3,431.48 in the bank. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report as read. Donn also reported a membership of 218 to-date.

Rag Chew Net Manager, Sam Wilson—N5CPA, reported that the net had a low of 8 and high of 18 check-ins for the month of September. Sam also reported longer band conditions are starting to take effect, making it easier for the more distant stations to make the net. Sam also said that there are no plans to change the net time for the winter months.

B-VARC Public Service Net Manager, Dwayne Jones—KB5YTA, reported that the PSN is doing well and that there are three volunteer stations to cover the net while he is in code class on Monday nights. These are: Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, Peter Mendoza—KD6QZH, and Bruce Paige—KK5DO. Dwayne also reported that he is having good success getting Newslines from the group in Conroe, TX. Dwayne stated that he will not be doing the net manager position next year (1996).

Louis House—KD5GM, reported that the B-VARC Code Practice Net on 146.47 is doing well with an accumulated total of 13 check-ins for the month of September. Louis expressed his thanks to Claude Sessions—K5HFY, for calling the net on Monday nights while the Code Class is in session.

Dwayne Jones—KB5YTA, reported that the B-VARC picnic was not getting a warm response. Dwayne asked the Board's opinion concerning continuing or cancelling the picnic plans. After some discussion, it was decided that the Club was late in starting the picnic plans, and that most of October was already committed to other events. The conclusion was to postpone the picnic until next Spring so there would be more time for the organization of the event. Much appreciation was expressed for Terry Van Slyke—N5KID, for volunteering on such short notice to organize the picnic.

B-VARC Special Events Coordinator, Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, reported with a heavy heart that he was going to have to relinquish the B-VARC Special Events Coordinator position, including for the remainder of 1995. Mike cited that his occupational work load was very heavy, and second, there is not enough participation forthcoming from the club membership to put on the 14 plus events each year. Mike stated that he would get all the paperwork in order and that he would counsel with anyone who would volunteer to take the position of Special Events Coordinator, but that his time will be limited. Mike also expressed his concern that "B-VARC was built up on the basis of a Public Service Club" and that the board this year and for 1996 would have to determine what the overall mission is for B-VARC as a Public Service Club. The Board and all guests gave Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, a warm round of applause and thanks for doing such a fine job for so long.

B-VARC Bulletin Editor, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, stated that the deadline for articles for the Bulletin is the 15th of the month. Jackie said that she has to be firm about this date in order to get everything done on time.

Al Mattis—N5AFV, speaking for the Nominating Committee, spoke to the Board concerning the slate of candidates who will run for offices for the 1996 term of office. Al stated that the offices of President and Vice President had candidates for nomination, but that nominees for the offices of Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and one at-large Board Member are still being sought. Al said that anyone interested in being an officer of B-VARC should make their interest known to the Nominating Committee. Please contact one of the Committee Members. They are: Betty Wilcox—KA0TEN, Randy Pollard—AK5G and Al Mattis—N5AFV.

Bud King—NSUOG, reported that he had received a call from Mr. Don Roberts of the Fort Bend Radio Control Club asking if B-VARC members would mind changing rooms with his group, which normally meets next door at the same time as our general meeting, December 14, 1995. The FBRC Club will be holding an auction on this date, and needed more room. After a little discussion, a motion was made and seconded to change rooms with the FBRC Club for the 14th of December. The motion passed unanimously.

Bud King—NSUOG, reported that he had received a letter from the City of Sugar Land, addressed to the club, thanking B-VARC for the \$20.00 donation to the City of Sugar Land for the 10th annual Halloween Fun Night. The Board thanked Bud for seeing that the donation was made.

Board Member, Claude Sessions—KSHFY, stated that even though the B-VARC Bulletin shows in print our appreciation for the use of the facilities at KHTV, something more should be done to show our appreciation in a greater way. Some discussion yielded a motion to have a plaque made to honor KHTV Channel 39 for being our corporate sponsor, and to invite the General Manager of KHTV to our annual banquet. At that time, the plaque will be presented. The motion, with a second, passed unanimously.

With no further business, Louis House—KDSGM, adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m., with a motion, second and unanimous vote.

