

\$3,392.10 to this date. The report was accepted with a motion that passed unanimously.

The Rag Chew Net report was given by Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, in the absence of Sam Wilson—N5CPA, for the month of October. The Net had 16 QNI for October 4 and 11, 12 QNI on the 18th and 19 on the 25th. Sam wished to express his thanks to Lou Kronberg—W5IHY, and Mel Thatcher—KB5ION, for picking up the net during his absence.

Terri Van Slyke—N5KID, this year's coordinator for the annual chili supper, reported that so far, she had 8 volunteers to cook chili and that all other details would be in order for the meeting on November 9th. Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, raised the question concerning plastic and paper ware supplies for the chili supper. After a little discussion, it was determined that an inventory of supplies be taken and to replace what is needed.

Louis House—KD5GM, reported that the B-VARC code class is doing okay and should come to an end in about 3 weeks. Louis stated that there are still several people who need to take their 5 wpm exam and that the class will continue as long as there is participation by those persons who have not tested yet.

Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, Editor of the B-VARC Bulletin, reported that the deadline for articles for the newsletter is on the 15th of the month. Jackie also said that she would like to put swapfest information in the newsletter and that whoever has this type of information should get it to her by the deadline date.

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 November 2, 1995. This was the eleventh meeting of the calendar year. The meeting was called to order by President, Ron Grimes—WASSCE, at 7:33 p.m.

The following members and guest were in attendance: Ron Grimes—WASSCE, Louis House—KD5GM, Donn Washburn—N5XWB, Victor Richard—N5NAS, Claude Sessions—KSHFY, Bud King—N5UOG, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, Terri Van Slyke—N5KID, Mel Thatcher—KB5ION, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, and Pete Norris—KJ5SS.

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

Treasurer, Donn Washburn—N5XWB, gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance of

Special Events Coordinator, Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, reported that he is winding down his tenure as Coordinator. Mike reported that several events left for this year have coordinators. These are the 25K, contact Al Mattis—N5AFV; 30K, contact Don Wade—WB5IBT; Houston Tenneco Marathon, contact Carl Hacker—KB5LDY. Also on March 10, 1996 will be the K9 Fun Run, contact Steve Dunkelberger—N5JBL. Mike also stated that he would bring a list of all the events scheduled for 1996 to the December 1995 meeting that can be turned over to the newly appointed Special Events Coordinator for 1996. The Board members expressed their thanks to Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, for the very fine job he did in his tenure as Special Events Coordinator.

Bud King—N5UOG, reported on the annual B-VARC banquet and awards dinner. The banquet will be held at the

Houston Engineering and Scientific Society Building located at 3121 Buffalo Speedway, on Thursday, January 11, 1996, in the Garden Room, starting at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with cocktails from the cash bar followed by dinner to be served at 7:30 p.m. Bud presented the menu items, including a choice of entrees, chicken or fish and 2 vegetables, salad, dessert and drink selections. Prices ranged from \$19.73 to \$22.48 per person including gratuity and tax. After much discussion, a motion was made for the club to set a price of \$19.00 per person and the treasury will subsidize the difference in the actual cost per person. Those who plan to attend the banquet can contact Donn Washburn—N5XWB, to pay for the dinner and make choice selections.

Donn Washburn—N5XWB, brought to question the recently proposed changes to the by-laws, concerning the membership dues cycle. The proposed changes were presented to President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE. President Grimes requested an opportunity to review the proposed changes before they are put before the membership for a vote. The Board agreed that this was a good idea.

A question concerning the cost of a life membership was put before the Board. After much discussion, a motion was made to set the cost of a life membership with B-VARC at 10 times the current yearly rate of dues. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Donn Washburn—N5XWB, informed the Board that he had received a letter from Compass Bank, our current banking facility, concerning the possibility of having to pay a service charge on our account. Donn had researched the possibility of changing the B-VARC account to First Interstate Bank. After some discussion, the Board agreed that Donn should go ahead and move the account to save a service charge.

Louis House—KD5GM, brought before the Board information concerning a request from Lester Welch, a representative from the Tatanka Boy Scouts District of the Alief area, for B-VARC to put up a manned radio station in the West Oaks Mall for their festival. The festival will be held on March 9, 1996. There will be an organizational meeting sometime in December this year. The pleasure of the

Board was for B-VARC to volunteer to participate in the festival. Louis stated that he would like to attend the organizational meeting in December and that he would like for someone with experience in these events to attend as well.

With no further business, President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m. with a motion that passed unanimously.

