

B-VARC BOARD MEETING

by Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on February 1, 1996. This was the second board meeting of the calendar year. The meeting was called to order by President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, at 7:30 p.m.

The following Board Members and guests were present: Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, Louis House—KD5GM, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, Jim Cahain—KB5TBZ, Terry McCoy—KKSRL, Bud King—N5UOG, Allen Maurig—N5AFV, and Sam Wilson—N5CPA.

Recording Secretary. Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, presented the January minutes. The minutes were approved with a motion that passed unanimously.

Public Service Net Manager, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, reported that the Monday night Brazos Valley Public Service Information Net was going well, with a high check-in of 46 on January 15, 1996.

Treasurer, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, presented the Treasurer's report dated January 31, 1996, showing a balance of \$4,540.09. Also included was a summary of the banquet costs, with the total cost of the banquet to B-VARC being \$51.21. Pete stated that we now had two accounts, the checkbook account and a cash account. Pete also stated that B-VARC currently had a total of 81 paid members. Pete passed around a club property list for anyone to make corrections/additions to.

Corresponding Secretary, Jim Cahain—KB5TBZ, had nothing to report.

Vice-President, Louis House—KD5GM, stated that he would like to get together a package including an introductory pamphlet entitled "What is B-VARC?" which George Jolly is putting together, along with a current newsletter to send to people on the ARRL's newly licensed ham list, inviting these new hams to join B-VARC.

B-VARC Rag Chew Net Manager, Sam Wilson—N5CPA, reported that the net is doing well, and that the average check-ins were up, with a low of 12.

Louis House—KD5GM, reported that the B-VARC Code Practice Net was going well. The net currently runs 3 nights per week, with 13 accumulated check-ins for January. Louis stated that when the code class starts in March, there will be no Code Practice Net on Monday nights throughout the duration of the course.

Vice-President, Louis House—KD5GM, stated that the ham radio presentation for the Tatanka Boy Scout Festival is coming together nicely. He stated that volunteers were needed to help with the event. He stated that there would be demonstrations of a VHF-FM station, a packet station, 1 HF station, and computerized tracking of satellites (display only). He further stated that the location of the event had been changed 50 ft. from the original location, but that it was still in front

of the JC Penney store. Louis talked with Pat O'Malley regarding the insurance question. Mr. O'Malley is to supply B-VARC with a copy of their insurance policy and in return wants a copy of B-VARC's insurance policy. He stated that he thought we would be covered. Louis indicated that we are still in need of someone to donate a packet station for this event. He also indicated that he had received the ARRL information on the Boy Scout radio merit badges to pass out at the event.

Vice-President, Louis House—KD5GM, stated that he had purchased two ARRL videotapes: Vol. 2 - SAREX and Vol. 4 - Operating Modes and Interests. He requested that B-VARC pay for these videotapes at \$12.00 each. This was approved with a motion that passed unanimously.

President, Ron Grimes—WASSCE, stated that the proposed changes to the By-Laws would be voted on at the general meeting in February. He also stated that Public Service Guidelines should be published in the newsletter as they were presented (a copy of the Public Service Guidelines is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein by reference.) Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, stated that she had these guidelines on a disk and would get them in the newsletter. Ron also brought up the issues of Past President and Parliamentarian positions on the Board. He stated that he was still working on the parliamentarian, and would be contacting Carl Hacker—KB5LDY concerning that position. He stated that he had contacted several past presidents concerning filling this board position. Allen Mattis—N5AFV, stated that he would be happy to fill the position. Allen Mattis—N5AFV, was then appointed to the Board position of Past President with a motion that passed unanimously. Ron further indicated that he would be appointing an audit committee to audit the financial books and records of B-VARC for 1995.

Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, brought up the possibility of B-VARC obtaining a web page on the Internet. After some discussion, she stated that she would get with John Moore—KK5NU, and try to get the specifics on cost, upkeep, etc.

President, Ron Grimes—WASSCE, mentioned the fact that we had a voice mail/information line which is donated by Bruce Paige—KK5DO. A question was raised as to what control the club had over the information presented in this voice mail system. Ron stated that he would check into this.

Vice President, Louis House—KD5GM, stated that he had talked to Al Zermeno—KK5W, and Larry Levy—WD5DRB concerning conducting theory classes. A suggestion had been made to have multiple theory teachers rather than just one person handling the entire course. Pete Norris—KJ5SS, volunteered to coordinate the instructors for the class.

Bud King—N5UOG, stated that B-VARC should really get to work on finding a new

meeting place. President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, appointed Terry McCoy—KK5RL, to look into the Missouri City Civic Center as a meeting place.

Vice President, Louis House—KD5GM, stated that we needed a syllabus and tapes for the upcoming code class. He stated that he talked to Glen Swanson with the Education Department of the ARRL, to see about getting materials at a discount. All that is needed to obtain this discount is a Federal tax identification number. Louis stated that he would get this set up with the ARRL so that we can take advantage of this discount.

President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, presented mail from George Jolly regarding a promotional offer made by Buckmaster CD-ROM, Ham Call. If we put B-VARC's club call on their list and provide them with a photo of our membership, for every 10 pictures of individual members we submit, we will receive 1 free CD-ROM. After some discussion, no action will be taken in this regard.

President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, stated that the regular meeting for February would have a lengthy presentation, and that the first half of the meeting needed to be narrowed down so that there would be enough time for the presentation in the second half.

Corresponding Secretary, Jim Cahanin—KB5TBZ, stated that the dates of the February meetings listed in the B-VARC Bulletin were wrong. President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, stated that a schedule of the meetings for the calendar year 1996 should be published in the newsletter. He also suggested that the February 8, 1996 meeting date be announced over the repeater frequently, as well as an announcement being made on the Monday night Public Service Information Net.

President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, stated that we needed to start thinking about finding someone to organize the club picnic for 1996. He would check into this, and possibly had a spot for us to hold the picnic.

Treasurer, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, stated that we needed to have a schedule/calendar of events to avoid conflicts in scheduling of B-VARC events. President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, stated that he would appoint a committee to put this together.

The meeting was adjourned by Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, at 9:10 p.m. with a motion, second and unanimous vote.

