

B-VARC BOARD MEETING

by Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on April 4, 1996. This was the fourth board meeting of the calendar year. The meeting was called to order by President, Ron Grimes—WASSCE, at 7:30 p.m.

The following Board Members and guests were present: Ron Grimes—WASSCE, Louis House—KD5GM, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, Jim Cahalan—KB5TBZ, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, Bud King—N5UOG, Sam Wilson—N5CPA, and Mike Hardwick—N5VCX.

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

Treasurer, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, presented the Treasurer's report dated March 31, 1996, showing a balance of \$5,122.93. Pete stated that B-VARC currently has a total of 123 regular members. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion that passed unanimously.

Louis House—KD5GM, reported that the B-VARC Code Practice Net was going well, as were the code classes. Louis stated that the Tatanka Boy Scout Festival went off very well and everyone seemed pleased. He had some pictures from the Festival, which he passed around for everyone to see. He stated that he would like to submit 1 or 2 of these pictures to the ARRL for possible publication in *QST*. Louis stated that the BCN was reaching its 1 year anniversary, and that he was looking for some volunteers to help him out with the net.

Board Member, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, stated that he had checked with Sharpstown Center and also Bear Creek concerning a new meeting place for B-VARC. After some discussion, it was decided that he would keep looking.

Board Member, Bud King—N5UOG, passed along a message from Board Member, Claude Sessions—K5HFY, that Claude regretted not being able to attend the board meeting. Claude also wished to thank everyone for their concerns expressed regarding his father. Bud also stated that Harold Parker—ND5F, had been asked to conduct the VE exams at the Pearland hamfest on April 20, 1996.

B-VARC Rag Chew Net Manager, Sam Wilson—N5CPA, reported that the net is doing well, and that the check-ins for the month of March ranged from 15 to 19.

Public Service Net Manager, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, reported that the Monday night Brazos Valley Public Service Information Net was going well, with check-ins ranging from 41 to 68.

Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, stated that there were 2 upcoming events—the MS-150, which will be held April 20 and 21, 1996, and coordinated by Bret Prichard—N5VOY, and the ALA Clean Air Challenge, which will be held on May 12, 1996, and is being coordinated by Mike. Other than this, there was no report on public service events.

Corresponding Secretary, Jim Caharin—KB5TBZ, had nothing to report other than the B-VARC web page was up and running.

Pete Norris—KJ5SS, reported that he had prepared and distributed a flyer concerning the upcoming Novice/Technician Theory Classes, which will start right after the code class finishes. The class will use the "Now You're Talking" book as a textbook for the class. Sam Wilson—N5CPA, stated that he had spoken with Al Zermeno—KK5W, and that he had inquired about the club purchasing some instructional videotapes from the ARRL and it was suggested that B-VARC should possible purchase 1 or 2 and loan them out. Louis House—KD5GM, again presented a document from the ARRL concerning the purchase of ARRL materials at a discounted rate. For a \$30.00 registration fee, B-VARC could

receive a package of books and tapes valued at over \$100.00 containing one of each of the publications available to us at this discounted rate, as well as the ability to purchase these materials for a period of one year at the discounted rates listed on the brochure. President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, stated that he thought this package would be a good library for the class instructor to have available. Ron then presented two issues: (1) payment of the \$30.00 registration fee to receive the package of materials and the ability to receive discounted materials; and (2) making discounted materials available to students enrolled in any classes B-VARC offers. A motion was made by Terry McCoy—KK5RL and seconded by Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ for the club to go ahead and pay the \$30.00 registration fee and receive the materials from the ARRL as well as the ability to purchase materials in the future at a discounted rate. The motion passed unanimously.

President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, reported that Field Day was coming up on June 22 and 23, 1996. He stated that

it would be held at Katy County Park, same as last year. He further stated that Allen Brier—WB5BIR, is taking care of the deposit on the park, as well as the coordination of the event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, at 8:20 p.m. with a motion, second and unanimous vote.

