

## B-VARC BOARD MEETING

*by Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ*

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on May 2, 1996. This was the fifth 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, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, Bud King—N5UOG, Allen Mattis—N5AFV, Sam Wilson—N5CPA, Harold Parker—ND5F, Vic Richard—N5NAS, George Jolly—ND5E, John Moore—KK5NU, Allen Brier—WB5BIR, and Connie Brier.

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

Treasurer, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, presented the Treasurer's report dated April 30, 1996, showing a balance of \$5,601.07. Pete stated that B-VARC currently has a total of 138 members, which includes 9 life members. Pete stated that he had received the package of materials from the ARRL. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion that passed unanimously.

Board Member, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, stated that he had checked with several different places for B-VARC to hold its meetings, with no success. President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, stated that we would continue to meet at the Sugar Land Community Center until we found another place. Bud King—N5UOG, suggested that we publish the meeting dates for the remainder of 1996 in every issue of the B-VARC Bulletin.

Since the board meeting for July 1996 is scheduled for the 4th, President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, stated that he would choose another date and place for this board meeting and advise us accordingly. He asked Bud King—N5UOG, to cancel the Sugar Land Community Center reservation for July 4, 1996.

President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, brought a box of B-VARC business cards for anyone to take and pass out as needed.

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.

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 April ranged from 11 to 17.

Public Service Net Manager, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, reported that the Monday night Brazos Valley Public Service Information Net was going well, with fairly high check-ins.

Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, reported on public service events, stating that the Clean Air Challenge is coming up on May 12, 1996, and that volunteers were still needed for this event.

Allen Brier—WB5BIR, reported that he is working on putting Field Day together and would have more to report later. President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, asked Allen to put a newsletter article together concerning Field Day for the June issue of the B-VARC Bulletin.

Pete Norris—KJ5SS, reported that he had received approximately 8 calls concerning the upcoming Novice/Tech classes. He stated that he had materials for 40 people. The class will begin on May 13, 1996, at the same location as the code classes. He stated that the students will be through with the class and prepared to take their tests at the July testing session. "Now You're Talking" will be the textbook for the class.

Harold Parker—ND5F, stated that the VE exams were going well. He stated that they are averaging 10 to 15 per session. He stated that there were 10 to 11 people at the Pearland test session. Harold also wished to commend John Moore—KK5NU, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, and Jim Cahanin—KB5TBZ, for their efforts on the B-VARC web page. Harold also stated that Ken Edinborough—WSBKK, who is Terry Van Slyke—N5KID's father, passed away last week.

George Jolly—ND5E, brought copies of the B-VARC by-laws. President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, will look them over and make copies to be distributed to the board.

John Moore—KK5NU, reported that the name "bvarc.org." was registered with the Internic as of 4/19/96. John is in the process of trying to obtain a block of IP numbers for B-VARC as an amateur group. He also stated that the B-VARC Bulletin was now on-line beginning with the January 1996 issue.

President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, brought up the issue of having embroidered patches made with the B-VARC logo. Vic Richard—N5NAS,

stated that he had one he would present as an example and that we would try to find a place to make these for the club.

President, Ron Grimes—WASSCE, stated that he would not be in attendance at either of the next two regular meetings (May and June). President Grimes asked Allen Mattis—NSAFV if he would preside over the meetings if Louis House—KD5GM was not able to attend those meetings.

President, Ron Grimes—WASSCE, asked Pete Norris—KJ5SS if we had any problems with members not getting their newsletter or appearing on the roster. Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, stated that she had received several calls in that regard and had passed them along to Jim Caharin—KB5TBZ, who is in charge of maintaining the roster/ mailing list.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Ron Grimes—WASSCE, at 8:08 p.m. with a motion, second and unanimous vote.

