

B-VARC BOARD MEETING

by Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on July 2, 1996. This was the seventh 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, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, Jim Cahalan—KB5TBZ, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, Bud King—NSUOG, Claude Sessions—K5HFY, Allen Mattis—NSAFV, Sam Wilson—NSCPA, John Moore—KK5NU, Allen Brier—WB5BIR, and Darrell Kirk—KCSJAR.

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

Treasurer, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, presented the Treasurer's report dated June 30, 1996, showing a balance of \$5,825.31. Pete stated that B-VARC currently has a total of 150 members. A report was made on the cost of the Field Day dinner. B-VARC paid \$588.90, of which \$225.00 had been received from the membership for the cost of the dinner. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion that passed unanimously.

Board Member, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, stated that we now had 2 options with regard to meeting places for B-VARC. The Tracy Gee Center and Memorial Southwest Hospital facilities are both available to us. It was decided that this would be put before the membership at the July meeting. Board Member, Bud King—NSUOG, stated that we had received all the dates for the last 6 months of 1997 at the Sugar Land Community Center. He stated that he was required to sign something indicating that we would completely clean up the room (trash, floors, etc.) that we use and take all of our garbage to the dumpster after every meeting, or we would be billed a \$15.00 per hour cleaning charge. After some discussion, it was decided that we would try to arrange a tour of the Memorial Southwest facility for Thursday, July 11, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. Past President, Allen Mattis—NSAFV, suggested that the Board should decide on the meeting place and then advise the general membership of that decision, which is how this had been handled in the past.

Board Member, Claude Sessions—K5HFY, asked that we

resubmit a letter to the new owners of KHTV requesting the use of their duplicating facilities for the copying of our newsletter. He indicated that the letter needed to be addressed to Bob Chase, who is the Director of Engineering. President, Ron Grimes—WASSCE, stated that he would find a copy of the last letter sent and prepare a new letter. Claude stated that it was his feeling that there would be no problems in our continued use of their facilities.

Past President, Allen Mattis—N5AFV, stated that he had a Sam's Callbook CD-ROM that had been donated by Bruce Paige—KK5DO. It was suggested that we offer this as a door prize at the regular meeting in July.

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 June ranged from 13 to 17.

Public Service Net Manager, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, reported that the Monday night Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club Public Service Information Net was going well, with fairly high check-ins. She also reported that the squirrel activity seemed to be down.

Pete Norris—KJ5SS, stated that the Novice/Tech classes were going well, with only one class session remaining. He asked that a letter be sent to the First Colony church of Christ thanking them for the use of the facilities. It was decided that a letter would be sent along those lines to the elders of the church.

President, Ron Grimes—WASSCE, reminded everyone that the July regular meeting would be held on July 18, 1996, and that the program would include the ice cream social and a Field Day "rehash."

Allen Brier—WB5BIR, reported that he had not completed the scoring for Field Day, but hoped to have it completed by the regular meeting in July. He stated that he thought everything went as well as could be expected, considering the problems with the weather.

President, Ron Grimes—WASSCE, passed out copies of the amended By-Laws to the members of the Board.

Board member, Bud King—N5UOG, stated that Donn Washburn—N5XWB, was moving to Austin on August 1, 1996, and that the club should possibly give

him a good farewell at the July meeting. Everyone agreed.

President Grimes stated that Gailen Marshall—N4SKR, would be contacting people concerning the ice cream social and what to bring, etc. Darrell Kirk—KC5JAR, stated that he had napkins, table covers, and spoons that he would bring, and that possibly Betty Wilcox—KA0TEN, had some paper goods/plasticware left over from last year's ice cream social. Darrell stated that he would contact her to find out, and that he would generally take care of that aspect of the event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, at 8:23 p.m. with a motion, second and unanimous vote.

