

## B-VARC BOARD MEETING

*by Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ*

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on August 1, 1996. This was the eighth 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, Jim Cahalan—KB5TBZ, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, Bud King—N5UOG, Claude Sessions—K5HFY, Allen Mattis—N5AFV, Sam Wilson—N5CPA, John Moore—KK5NU, Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, Carl Hacker—KB5LDY, Andy Stewart and Tom McBrayer.

Recording Secretary, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, presented the July minutes. Board Member, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, had one correction to the July minutes, that being the number of options for a meeting place for B-VARC. The correct number should be 4 instead of 2. The minutes, as amended, were approved with a motion that passed unanimously.

Past President, Allen Mattis—N5AFV, introduced two guests, Andy Stewart and Tom McBrayer, who are both Houston Marathon officials. They presented information concerning the upcoming 20K, 25K and 30K marathons, and thanked B-VARC for their participation in those events in the past, and encouraged our participation in the future. Andy Stewart stated that the B-VARC logo was on the brochures for the 30K. The 30K will now be held Sunday, December 8, 1996, at 6:30 a.m. The 20K will be held Sunday, October 20, 1996, at 7:00 a.m., and the 25K will be held on November 17, 1996, at 7:00 a.m. as well.

Corresponding Secretary, Jim Cahalan—KB5TBZ, reported that the B-VARC web page was still up and running, with better than 700 hits so far.

Vice-President, Louis House—KD5GM, asked for someone to volunteer to take over the code classes which will be held from Sept./Oct. through Feb./Mar.

Board Member, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, stated that he had discontinued his search for a meeting place for B-VARC since it was decided that B-VARC would continue to meet at the Sugar Land Community Center.

Board Member, Bud King—N5UOG, had nothing to report

President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, gave 2 letters to board member, Claude Sessions—K5HFY, one to KHTV requesting the use of their duplicating facilities for the copying of our newsletter, and one to the elders of the First Colony church of Christ for the use of their classroom facilities for our code/theory classes. He asked Claude to look over the letters and make any needed corrections, additions, etc. Claude stated that he felt there would be no problem with the continued use of KHTV for our copying of the newsletter, and if a problem ever arose, he had another alternative.

Past President, Allen Mattis—N5AFV, had nothing to report.

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 July ranged from 9 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 at a minimum. Concerning the newsletter, Jackie stated that she had 2 people volunteer to help with the B-VARC calendar for the newsletter. She also requested a volunteer to keep up with the ARRL, etc. paperwork that is usually at the back table at the general meeting.

President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, stated that the August regular meeting would be held on Thursday, August 22, 1996. Also, the meeting date for the month of November will be different than the usual second Thursday. He stated that it was important that we have a quorum at the November meeting, which would be 25% of the members (approx. 38-40 members) in order for the elections to be held. Carl Hacker—KB5LDY, asked if a proxy was possible, and also if Jackie would start putting this information in the newsletter

President Grimes stated that he had asked Scott Pederson—K15DR to replace James Beik—KC5ODL as public service events coordinator. Scott has agreed to accept the position.

President Grimes also stated that he had spoken with Randy Pollard—AK5G and Harold Parker—ND5F, concerning a

plaque for our lifetime members. This would be made available to any lifetime member of B-VARC, at the cost of the member. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the lifetime member plaque.

Carl Hacker—KB5LDY, stated that the 25K run is now called the Methodist Hospital System Marathon. He stated that Channel 2 was not going to be covering the marathon this year, and that if no other network picks it up, ATV will be the only coverage. He stated that the length of the marathon had been extended 1 hour.

Past President, Allen Mattis—N5AFV, stated that he thought B-VARC should give a public service events presentation/training session. He stated that it was his opinion that public service events needed to be stressed more as to their importance.

Carl Hacker—KB5LDY, stated that the Gulf Coast Ham Convention Inc. will be held on October 11, 12 and 13, 1996, with an auction on Friday night, October 11th.

Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, stated that there were 2 public service events that were scheduled for the weekend of October 12 and 13, 1996, those being the Alamo Challenge bike ride and the Houston Symphony Classic.

Allen Mattis—N5AFV, stated that the Ten Ten International QSO party scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 2 and 3, 1996. This will be a phone contest on 28.488MHz, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and lasting for 48 hours

Treasurer, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, presented the Treasurer's report dated July 31, 1996, showing a balance of \$4,942.42. Pete stated that B-VARC currently has a total of 151 members. Pete stated that the club was going to refund the cost of the Field Day dinner for T.J. and Patricia Layton, since they were not able to attend. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion that passed unanimously. Pete brought up the subject of the life membership and putting that money into a separate, interest-bearing account.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, at 8:33 p.m. with a motion, second and unanimous vote