

B-VARC BOARD MEETING

by Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on September 5, 1996. This was the ninth board meeting of the calendar year. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Louis House—KD5GM, in the absence of President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, at 7:34 p.m.

The following Board Members and guests were present: Louis House—KD5GM, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, Jim Cahanan—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, Allen Brier—WB5BIR, Connie Brier—KC5VHH, and Jacob Mattis.

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

Treasurer, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, presented the Treasurer's report dated August 31, 1996, showing a balance of \$4,637.40. Pete stated that B-VARC currently has a total of 155 members. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion that passed unanimously.

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

John Moore—KK5NU, stated that B-VARC has had over 1,000 hits on its home page in the past 6 months.

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

Board Member, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, had nothing to report.

Board Member, Bud King—N5UOG, thanked everyone for their expressed concern regarding his wife, Edith.

Vice President, Louis House—KD5GM, passed around a note received via packet from Donn Washburn—N5XWB, for everyone to read.

Board Member, Claude Sessions—K5HFY, had nothing to report.

Past President, Allen Mattis—N5AFV, stated that the November elections were approaching quickly and that we needed to start thinking about it now. He has several people assisting him with the nominations/elections. There will be a chili supper at the November meeting, which will be held November 21, 1996, and a volunteer would be needed to coordinate this. Board Member, Claude Sessions—K5HFY, volunteered to take on the responsibility of coordinating the chili supper. Allen stated that he will provide an article for the newsletter which will include the slate of nominations for board positions.

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, and that volunteers were still needed for these 2 events.

Pete Norris—KJ5SS, stated that he would be starting a Novice/Technician theory class on November 4, 1996. He asked Claude Sessions—K5HFY to check on the availability of the classroom facilities at the First Colony church of Christ. The class will end in time for the testing session on January 14, 1997. The text for the class would again be "Now You're Talking."

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 August ranged from 11 to 17.

Past President, Allen Mattis—N5AFV, stated that Past President, Carl Cunert—WB8SVR, checked into the 10-10 SHOT Net recently.

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 ranging from 30 to 50. She also reported that the squirrel activity seemed to be low.

Allen Mattis—N5AFV, stated that he had spoken with Scott Pederson—K15DR, the new public service events coordinator for B-VARC, and that he wanted everyone to know that he was working on the events and that he would be joining B-VARC very soon. Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, stated that there were 2 public service

Vice President, Louis House—KD5GM, asked Pete Norris—KJ5SS, if he had anything to report concerning the investment of the life membership funds. Pete had nothing to report, but will check into it and provide a report at a later date.

Vice President, Louis House—KD5GM, stated that he thought club membership was down from past years. Jim Caharin—KB5TBZ, stated that he would again send out the complimentary bulletins, club information, etc. to prospective members from the ARRL list of new hams in the area.

Past President, Allen Mattis—N5AFV, introduced his son, Jacob Mattis, as a guest to the meeting.

There was some discussion concerning a field trip/picnic for B-VARC for sometime in October, possibly October 5, 1996. Nothing was decided.

Louis House—KD5GM, asked about the status of B-VARC patches, t-shirts, etc. Allen Mattis—N5AFV, stated that the club used to have these items, but nobody would buy them. Vic Richard—N5NAS, was going to bring a sample patch for us to look at, but this has not yet been done. After some discussion, It was decided that we would take a poll at the general membership meeting in September to see if there was an interest.

Vice President, Louis House—KD5GM, indicated that Harold Parker—ND5F, wanted board to decide whether B-VARC, if asked to do so, would hold VE test sessions at the Gulf Coast Ham Convention. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that B-VARC would participate if asked.

Board Member, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, stated that Newline was financially in trouble and he thought we should pass the hat for donations. Also, that we should possibly take up a donation for the MERA

repeater. Allen Mattis—N5AFV, stated that MERA would ask for money when they needed it, so there was no need to take up a collection for MERA. Allen Brier—W5BIR asked if B-VARC could contribute the \$50/yr. required for Newline. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to pass the hat at the September general meeting for a donation to be made to Newline. Depending on the outcome of that, then the board will decide whether or not to add to the contribution.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Vice President, Louis House—KD5GM, at 8:30 p.m., with a motion, second and unanimous vote.

