

## B-VARC BOARD MEETING

by Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on October 3, 1996. This was the tenth board meeting of the calendar year. The meeting was called to order by President, Ron Grimes—WASSCE, at 7:38 p.m.

The following Board Members and guests were present: Ron Grimes—WASSCE, Louis House—KD5GM, Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ, Jim Caharin—KB5TBZ, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, Bud King—N5UOG, Sam Wilson—N5CPA, John Moore—KK5NU, Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, Harold Parker—ND5F, Vic Richard—N5NAS, Randy Pollard—AK5G, John Dryton—KC5QZD, and KA4JDU.

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

Treasurer, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, presented the Treasurer's report dated September 30, 1996, showing a balance of \$4,742.95. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion that passed unanimously. Pete stated that B-VARC currently has a total of 158 members. Pete passed out a memo that he had prepared regarding the state of the treasury. He stated that there was a possibility we should make a motion at the next board meeting to raise the dues. Pete

suggested that everyone read the memo carefully and it will be discussed at the next board meeting. Pete reported that \$74.00 had been collected to send to Newline and that it would be taken care of in the near future. He also stated that he had checked into the idea of B-VARC putting the money received from life memberships into a savings account. Basically, B-VARC would be allowed an income of up to \$1,000.00 per year without any penalties being assessed or any forms having to be filed. A motion was made by Terry McCoy—KK5RL that we put the money into a savings account. The motion was amended by Bud King—N5UOG to state that as long as the interest doesn't exceed the amount (\$1,000.00) that would change our filing status as a club. Also, that the interest would be rolled into the general fund. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Pete stated that he would check on interest rates (short-term CDS, money markets, savings, etc.) and give a report at the next board meeting.

Vice President, Louis House—KD5GM, stated that he had no volunteer(s) to teach the code classes as of this date.

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

Board Member, Bud King—N5UOG, stated that it was again time for Halloween night at Sugar Land, and that the price of a booth was \$20.00. A motion was made to send \$20.00 for this event. Bud also stated that a meeting was going to be held regarding the renting of our room at the Sugar Land Community Center on October 10, 1996 at 5:00 p.m. at Sugar Land City Hall. President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, stated that he would attend the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary, Jim Cahanin—KB5TBZ, 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 September ranged from 14 to 21.

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 35 to 52 for the month of September. She also reported that the squirrel activity seemed to be low, with the exception of one Monday night.

Mike Hardwick—N5VCX, stated that he still needed 5 volunteers for the Alamo Challenge Bike Ride. He also stated that the Houston Symphony Classic bike ride that was scheduled for the same weekend

had been canceled due to lack of riders. President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, stated that he had received a report from Scott Pederson—K15DR, that the 20K warm-up shirts will have the B-VARC logo on them. Harold Parker—ND5F stated that there has been a large drop off in the number of people taking amateur radio licensing exams, which could be contributing to a lack of volunteers to work public service events.

In the absence of Allen Mattis—N5AFV, the chairman of the nominating committee, Harold Parker—ND5F gave a report on the slate for the 1997 officers. He stated that no one had volunteered for any of the board positions, but that we did have someone running for each of the positions available. He stated that Allen Mattis—N5AFV would be putting together an article for the newsletter concerning the upcoming elections. He also stated that Claude Sessions—K5HFY would be coordinating the chili supper in November. Bud King—N5UOG announced to the board that Claude's father had passed away. Ron Grimes—WA5SCE stated that he would devise some kind of plan to assure that we had a quorum at the November meeting, possibly signing up for a door prize would be a good idea. Harold Parker—ND5F asked John Moore—KK5NU to put something on the home page concerning the upcoming elections. John stated that he would do so.

Randy Pollard—AK5G and Harold Parker—ND5F stated that they had discussed a plaque which would be made available to lifetime members of B-VARC. The plaque should be ready by the January 1997 awards banquet for any lifetime members who wish to purchase same.

Board Member, Bud King—N5UOG, stated that the HESS building had been sold and that there was a meeting coming up soon to see where they would be moving. Bud stated that he would attend the meeting.

Regarding the B-VARC patches, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE stated that he would try to get an estimate on the cost of the patch. Vic Richard—N5NAS, stated that he would help in any way possible.

Harold Parker—ND5F, stated that it would be a good idea to put the B-VARC by-laws and other club information on the web page for people to download. John Moore—KK5NU, stated that he would work on this.

Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, stated that Larry Levy—WD5DRB, was in the process of writing a memorial for Stu Lamkin to be

published in the Chronicle. He stated that the club had collected \$113.00 at the last meeting for this memorial.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, at 8:30 p.m., with a motion, second and unanimous vote.

