

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

Treasurer, Pete Norris--KJ5SS, presented a corrected Treasurer's report for September showing a balance of \$4,691.75. He also presented a report for October, showing a balance of \$4,924.30.

He stated that he would be sending a check in the amount of \$73.00 to Newsline. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion that passed unanimously. Pete stated that B-VARC currently has a total of 162 members.

Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

November 7, 1996

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on November 7, 1996. This was the eleventh board meeting of the calendar year. The meeting was called to order by President, Ron Grimes--WA5SCE, at 7:36 p.m.

The following Board Members and guests were present: Ron Grimes--WA5SCE, Louis House--KD5GM, Jackie Burton--KC5OHJ, Jim Cahanin--KB5TBZ, Pete Norris--KJ5SS, Terry McCoy--KK5RL, Bud King--N5UOG, Claude Sessions--K5HFY, Allen Mattis--N5AFV, Sam Wilson--N5CPA, and Rick Hiller--W5RH.

Corresponding Secretary, Jim Cahanin--KB5TBZ, stating that he was sending an e-mail reminder to all B-VARC members with e-mail addresses of the upcoming elections at the November meeting.

Vice President, Louis House--KD5GM, had nothing to report.

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

Board Member, Bud King--N5UOG, stated that the Houston Engineering and Scientific Society (HESS) was moving to 5430 Westheimer. Further information concerning the January awards banquet would be forthcoming as soon as he had more information.

and that he had enough volunteers to handle the event. He also stated that we had a slate of officers for the elections to be held at the November regular meeting. It was suggested by President, Ron Grimes--WA5SCE, that the old board member call their new replacement to give them a run-down of their duties on the Board of Directors. Ron stated that the new board would take effect in January 1997.

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 October ranged from 11 to 18. He stated that check-ins seemed to be down.

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 above 50 for the month of October. She mentioned the fact that Newslines were now a long distance call to whoever records it for the net, and that we should discuss how we wish to handle this in the future. President Grimes stated that something was mentioned about this at the M.E.R.A. board meeting, but he couldn't remember what, and after some discus-

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

Past President, Allen Mattis--N5AFV, stated that the 25K race was coming up on November 17, 1996,

ter.

President, Ron Grimes--WA5SCE, asked about the status of the Stu Lamkin memorial. It was mentioned that Larry Levy--WD5DRB, was working on this, but no information was available as to the status.

President, Ron Grimes--WA5SCE, stated that he and Bud King--N5UOG had attended the meeting of the Sugar Land Community Center. He stated that there was still no change in our use of the facilities, and that it was still the best deal we could find.

Treasurer, Pete Norris--KJ5SS, stated that he had received information from Compass Bank concerning interest-bearing accounts for our life membership funds. He stated that the money market rate was 3.3%, the 13-month CD rate was 5% and the 5-year CD rate was 6%. It was his suggestion that we put the money into the 13-month CD. We have a total of 11 life memberships, which, put into a 13-month CD at the rate of 5%, would yield approximately \$7.75 per life membership. He also suggested that we increase the life membership dues to twenty times the regular an-

sion, nothing was decided.

President, Ron Grimes--WA5SCE, stated that we had 162 paid members, which means that we need approximately 41 or 42 paid members for a quorum at the November election meeting. It was suggested that we divide the roster and have each board member call a page of the roster, reminding everyone to attend the November regular meeting. Jim Cahanin--KB5TBZ stated that he had prepared a sign-in sheet so membership could be verified against the ros-

nual dues, or \$320.00. He stated that he thought the regular dues should stay the same. He then made a motion to put the life membership funds into a 13-month CD at a bank with the most favorable rate, in any event not to be less than 5%. The motion was seconded and approved with a unanimous vote. He then made a motion to increase the life membership dues to twenty times the annual dues, effective immediately. After much discussion, the motion was seconded and approved.

Pete also stated that he had 8 people

in the code/theory classes, and due to the fact that 4 of these students are only taking the test to be involved in search and rescue functions of CAP, and CAP does not allow the use of regular amateur frequencies for their functions, Pete may lose one-half of his class.

Pete also made a motion that we approve Steve Dunkelberger--N5JBL's, expenses for the 20K run. Since the board had decided to do this sometime in the past, the motion was seconded and approved with a unanimous vote.

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.