

**Meeting of the Board of
Directors of The Brazos Valley
Amateur Radio Club
December 5, 1996**

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on December 5, 1996. This was the twelfth 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,
Jackie Burton—KC5OHJ,
Jim Cahanin—KB5TBZ,
Pete Norris—KJ5SS,
Terry McCoy—W5TEM,
Bud King—N5UOG,
Claude Sessions—K5HFY,
Allen Mattis—N5AFV,
Sam Wilson—N5CPA,
Rick Hiller—W5RH,
John Dryton—KC5QZD,
Terri Van Slyke—W5BKK, and
Tom Sellers—K5CNU.

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

Treasurer, Pete Norris—KJ5SS, presented a Treasurer's report for November showing a balance of \$3,214.21. He stated that we had deposited the life membership funds in the amount

of \$1,760.00 into a Certificate of Deposit at Compass Bank. The CD will earn 5¼% for a period of 13 months. He also stated that B-VARC had a total of 177 paid members. The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion that passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary, Jim Cahanin—KB5TBZ, had nothing to report, but thanked the Board of Directors for allowing him to serve in 1996.

Board Member, Terry McCoy—KK5RL, had nothing to report, but also thanked the Board for allowing him to serve in 1996.

Board Member, Bud King—N5UOG, stated that the Houston Engineering and Scientific Society (HESS) will be moving to 5430 Westheimer in mid-February; however, the awards banquet in January will be held at the old location on Buffalo Speedway. (See map at end of newsletter). The menu will basically be a choice of chicken, fish or steak, with a vegetable, salad and starch for a price of \$22.48, of which members will be required to pay \$18.00. There will be a cash bar available for those who so desire. Beginning in January 1997, HESS will have a new manager, Joseph Zadrowski.

1997. He stated that vice-president, Louis House—KD5GM, would be presiding at the December general meeting and at the January Board meeting. He further stated that he needed all nominations for the awards to be in by the Monday following the general meeting in December.

Past President, Allen Mattis—N5AFV, stated that the 25K race went well, with quite a few medical emergencies. He stated that two T-shirts had been donated, and these could be used for door prizes at the awards banquet in January. Allen stated that he thought that all amateur volunteers who worked all 3 races would again get a finisher's mug.

President, Ron Grimes—WA5SCE, stated that the new officers would take effect at the regular meeting on January 9,

Board Member, Claude Sessions—K5HFY, stated that he had been using the facilities at the First Colony church of Christ for the past 2 newsletter productions. After some discussion with Claude and the rest of the Board, it was decided that we would recognize the Church at the awards banquet for their allowing us to use their copy machine for the newsletter, as well as providing a room for the code/theory classes. A motion was made to furnish a representative of the Church with 2 dinners and some sort of plaque recognizing their contribution to B-VARC, subject to their willingness to participate, since alcohol will be served. The motion was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

B-VARC Rag Chew Net
Manager, Sam Wilson—
N5CPA, reported that the net is
doing well.

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 in November.
She stated that Mel Smith—
N5VDA had done Newsline for
the past 2 weeks, and that thanks
were in order, since he was not
even a member of B-VARC and
had volunteered to do this for us.

President, Ron Grimes—
WA5SCE, stated that he had
been advised by Harold

Parker—ND5F that the Stu
Lamkin memorial was still in
progress. He also stated that,
regarding the life member
plaques, there was a \$75.00 one
time set-up fee. It was suggested,
after some discussion, that we
poll the life members to see if
they have an interest in
purchasing one of these plaques
before we decide whether or not
to pay the \$75.00 fee. This issue
was tabled until the next board
meeting.

There being no further business,
the meeting was adjourned by
President, Ron Grimes—
WA5SCE, at 8:25 p.m., with a
motion, second and unanimous
vote.