

**Meeting of the Board of
Directors of The Brazos Valley
Amateur Radio Club
April 3, 1997**

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at Vaso's Restaurant on April 3, 1997. This was the fourth meeting of the calendar year. The meeting was called to order by President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, at 6:30 P.M.

The following Board Members and guests were present: Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, Terri Van Slyke -- W5BKK, Bud King -- N5UOG, Ron Grimes -- WA5SCE, Charles Prochaska --KG5KV, John Dryton -- KM5HP, Mike Hardwick --N5VCX, Jack Van Demark -- WN5A, and Terry McCoy -- W5TEM.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, stated that an audit committee had been formed consisting of Dale Brown -- KC2PZ, Steve Gottlieb -- WA5OEN, and Randy Pollard -- AK5G, and that a report would be available at the next board meeting.

The Minutes for the March board meeting were approved with a motion that passed unanimously.

Treasurer, Nizar Mullani -- K0NM, presented a Treasurer's report dated 4/10/97, showing \$ 1,760.00 in CD, \$ 3,185.06 in checking, and \$ 120.00 and change in petty cash for a total of \$ 5,065.06 and change. The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion that passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary, John Dryton -- KM5HP, stated that he is keeping the membership roster current and has 40 membership applications.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, said that Allen Mattis -- N5AFV, had asked for a report of the results of his membership drive. Corresponding Secretary, John Dryton -- KM5HP, stated that he had received a positive response from one member, and would get a report together for Allen.

Recording Secretary, Terri Van Slyke -- W5BKK, reported that 13 meals had been sold for the upcoming picnic.

Mike Hardwick -- N5VCX, gave a Public Service report. He stated that the upcoming MS 150 still needed volunteers. He reported that Jackie Burton -- KC5OHJ, was coordinating the radio portion of the Clean Air Challenge.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, stated that he needed an update on Field Day plans from Allen Brier -- WB5BIR. He also was waiting for information regarding B-VARC logo items. He said that insurance papers were needed to reserve the pavilion for Field Day. Jack Van Demark -- WN5A, said that ARRL had the insurance papers and would fax them to Harris County. Concern was expressed regarding interference by the "squirrel" on the repeater.

Mike Hardwick -- N5VCX expressed concern regarding the current direction of club meetings. He said that he felt like meetings were not club oriented and didn't feel that the Board meetings on the air had been successful. Discussion followed regarding club meeting structure and pros and cons of Board meetings on the air.

Past President, Ron Grimes -- WA5SCE, Treasurer, Nizar Mullani -- K0NM, and Board Member, Terry McCoy -- W5TEM, all stated that they liked the Board meetings on the air.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, said that he would continue in the same direction regarding club meetings and felt that Board meetings on the air had been successful with the exception of a few problems. He added that meeting attendance had been good. He stated the need to determine the opinion of the club membership regarding these issues.

Treasurer, Nizar Mullani -- K0NM, said the he felt we needed to examine these issues and determine if we are losing the "club" feeling. He stated that we need a strong program for enhancing B-VARC and a Social/Public Relations person.

Board Member, Bud King -- N5UOG, stated that he didn't like the Board meetings on the air. He offered his home for the next Board meeting. He also stated that he wanted a more specific amount in the Treasurer's report.

Mike Hardwick -- N5VCX, suggested using a bulletin board for club announcements and events. John Dryton

-- KM5HP, was appointed to chair a committee to create this bulletin board.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, reported that some problems exist in the current newsletter format and he would discuss these with Newsletter Editor, Scott Pederson -- KI5DR.

Mike Hardwick -- N5VCX, reported that the Houston Amateur Radio Club had been disbanded and that the charter could be reactivated. He suggested doing this and making the club a central control point of information for Houston and surrounding areas. He stated that there has been interest from other clubs and volunteered to be a member of a committee formed to research this idea.

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned by President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, at 7:15 P.M. with a motion, second and unanimous vote.