

**Meeting of the Board of
Directors of The Brazos Valley
Amateur Radio Club
May 1, 1997**

A quorum of the Board of Directors met on the MERA 145.47 repeater on May 1, 1997. This was the fifth board meeting of the calendar year. The meeting was called to order by President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, at 7:30 p.m.

The following Board Members and guests were present: Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, Terri Van Slyke -- W5BKK, John Dryton -- KM5HP, Nizar Mullani -- K0NM, Jackie Burton -- KC5OHJ, Terry McCoy -- W5TEM, Bud King -- N5UOG, Scott Pederson -- K15DR., and Allen Brier -- N5XZ.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, asked if any Board Members had received the minutes for the April Board Meeting. Recording Secretary, Terri Van Slyke -- W5BKK, responded that she had not sent the minutes out and that they would be available at the next board meeting. Gailen also stated that Vice-President, Rick Hiller -- W5RH, would not be present for the meeting due to the loss of a friend.

Recording Secretary, Terri Van Slyke -- W5BKK, reported that the picnic went well in spite of cold weather and unplanned change in location. She suggested a picnic in the fall if there was club interest and Board approval. President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, said that he felt that those who attended the picnic had a good time, and a picnic in the fall would be a good idea.

Corresponding Secretary, John Dryton -- KM5HP, stated that the roster had been updated. He said that the next Technical Corner would be presented by Bruce Paige -- KK5DO. President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, mentioned that John

is the one to contact with any problems regarding the roster or receiving the newsletter.

Treasurer, Nizar Mullani -- K0NM, stated that a full treasury report would be available at the next meeting.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, reported that Nizar has had articles published in *CQ* and *QST* recently. Nizar said he would have another one published in July.

Board Member and Public Service Net Manager, Jackie Burton -- KC5OHJ reported that the past Monday night net had been disappointing. She stated that she needed volunteers for the Clean Air Challenge. She also stated that she had not received a newsletter since the first of the year. Corresponding Secretary, John Dryton -- KM5HP, said there had been some problems with newsletters in January he thought had been cleared up. He said he would check into the problem for her.

Board Member, Terry McCoy -- W5TEM, had nothing to report. He expressed concern about interference on the repeater by the "squirrel".

Board Member, Bud King -- N5UOG, had nothing to report

Newsletter Editor and Public Service Chairman, Scott Pederson -- KI5DR, reported that he had contacted several other groups including Compaq and NARS to see if there was interest in pooling resources for volunteers for public service events. He said that checking in on nets has not been an

effective way to obtain volunteers. He also said that the newsletter needed articles.

Board Member, Bud King -- N5UOG, asked for the current number of paid club members. President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, said he would have that number at the next club meeting.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, reported that an audit committee had been formed consisting of : Randy Pollard -- AK5G, Dale Brown -- KC2PZ, and Steve Gottlieb -- WA5OEN. He said that Treasurer, Nizar Mullani -- K0NM, is getting the necessary information to the committee. He expects to have it certified and presented to the club for approval by the June or July meeting. He also stated that he needed a list of suggestions for the club's vanity call sign. He mentioned that the Board had been polled by e-mail and he had a total of 14 calls for submission. He said that the club is eligible for a 1x2 or 2x1 call because our Trustee, George Jolly -- ND5E is an Extra class. He added that if

he did not receive any further responses, he would prepare the current list and send it in. Board Member, Bud King -- N5UOG, suggested bringing the list to present to the club before submitting it. Gailen said he would bring the list to the meeting Thursday for final approval and get it in the mail by Friday.

Allen Brier -- N5XZ, stated that he had not had time to check into a supplier for B-VARC paraphernalia such as hats and shirts, but he would do so as soon as possible.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, expressed concern regarding interference on the repeater. He said that there would be a short presentation at the next meeting of specific steps to deal with this problem. He said that plans are being drawn up he believes will be successful in dealing with this problem and encouraged all to come to the next meeting for specific information. He also said that Field Day was less than 2 months away and that Allen Brier -- N5XZ, would be Chairman again this year.

Allen Brier -- N5XZ, reported that he needed to make sure that insurance for Field Day was paid, and he needed an endorsement which stated the event, site, and dates as was done last year. He also mentioned pricing a see through tent which would allow people to watch stations in operation. President Marshall suggested borrowing such a tent from a club member if possible. Allen said he needed volunteers, operators, antennas, campers or mobile homes, and towers. He mentioned a need for a 3 or 4 element tribander, and push up pole. He said had generators, radios, and volunteers to cook. He mentioned that he would cater a barbecue meal as was done last year. He added that B-VARC was 3A last year but may go 2A this year. Stations would include Novice, Satellite, QRP, and Solar Power.

Board Member, Bud King -- N5UOG, suggested listing committees that are open and need volunteers in the next newsletter. He also suggested having an ARRL literature table for 100 extra points on Field Day.

Board Member, Jackie Burton --
KC5OHJ, stated that she would not be
able to attend the next Board meeting.
President Marshall said he would relay
the meeting content to her. With no
further business, this meeting was
adjourned by President, Gailen Marshall
-- N4SKR, at 8:08 p.m.