

Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club September 4, 1997

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on September 4, 1997. This was the ninth 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, Bud King -- N5UOG, John Dryton -- KM5HP, Terry McCoy -- W5TEM, Claude Sessions -- K5HFY, and Rick Hiller -- W5RH by proxy.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, gave the report for Program Chairman, Rick Hiller -- W5RH. He stated that September's meeting would be about rebuilding old radios by Dan Cox -- K8WOZ. The Technical Corner for September would be about making ham antennas out of old TV antennas. October's meeting will be about 10 meters, presented by Allen Mattis -- N5AFV and Mike Davidson -- N5MT. The Technical Corner will be about 10 meter antennas. The Product Corner will be about 10 meter radios presented by Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR. November's meeting will be the annual Chili Supper and election of officers. John Dryton -- KM5HP, will present the Product Corner for November. December's meeting will be Home Brew Night, coordinated by Rick Hiller -- W5RH. Gailen stated that a coordinator for the Chili Supper was needed.

Corresponding Secretary, John Dryton – KM5HP, reported that he was keeping the roster current. He also gave a treasurer's report for August 14, 1997. This showed a bank balance of \$ 2,193.39, cash \$ 57.47, C.D. \$ 1,760, for a total of \$ 4,730.86.

Board Member, Terry McCoy -- W5TEM, had nothing to report.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, stated that he felt next year's Board would need some direction from this year's Board regarding the scheduling of meetings for next year. Reservations are set for the first Thursday of the month, but the nights available in the second week of the month vary from month to month. One solution, he said, is to hold the regular meeting on the first Thursday and the Board Meeting on the second Thursday. He made a motion to state this problem in the President's Message and as a separate column in the newsletter, with this issue to be voted on in the November elections. This motion was approved unanimously.

Board Member, Bud King -- NSUOG, presented a report on the current plans for the 1998 B-VARC Awards Banquet to be held January 8, 1998. He stated that H.E.S.S. had a new location at 5430 Westheimer and had photographs of the new building. He said he had reserved two rooms, a bar area and a banquet room. He presented a menu with prices and stated that we had a choice of two entrees. After some discussion, two entrees were selected. These were: Chicken Napoleans (Sautéed Chicken Medallions with Portobella Mushrooms, Cheddar Cheese Grits, Grilled Tomato, Asparagus and Madeira Wine Sauce), and 12 Oz. Prime Rib (Served with Horseradish Whipped Potatoes, Mixed Garden Vegetables, and Natural Au Jus). All Entrees are served with salad, dessert, coffee (regular and decaf) and iced tea. A cash bar will be available. The cost will be \$ 20.00 per person, with the club underwriting the balance. A vegetarian entree will also be available.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, said that Banquet tickets will be sold at the November and December meeting, with the cutoff date being the December meeting. He stated that the Banquet will begin with a social hour from 6:30 to 7:30, dinner at 7:30 and awards presentation at 8:30. He expressed his appreciation to Bud King -- NSUOG for all his work in planning this event. He stated that an Awards Committee needed to be formed. The awards to be presented are: Special Appreciation Award, Dr. Bill Award, Loop and Zepp Award and the Order Of The Key Award. He stated that the Dr. Bill Award is for outstanding service in the volunteer examiner program. He suggested contacting Harold Parker -- NDSF for recommendations for this award. The Loop and Zepp Award is for promotion of operations and dedicated activity on HF bands. The Special Appreciation Award is for anyone who has made a special contribution to B-VARC this year. The Order Of Key is for exceptional service and commitment to the goals of B-VARC, someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the progress of the club. He emphasized that all nominations would be accepted, but the Board would make the final decision. He also stated that all nominations must be submitted in writing. John Dryton -- KMSHP, volunteered to head a committee to accept the nominations and compile a list of nominees. He stated that the Nominations Committee for next year's officers would consist of three Past Presidents in chronological order. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, at 8:00 p.m.