

**Board of Directors Meeting
The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club
December 14, 1998**

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on December 14, 1998. The meeting was called to order by the President. The following board members attended: President Bruce Paige - KK5DO, Vice President John Moore - KK5NU, Recording Secretary Rex Ritz - KC5EEU, Treasurer Larry Jacobson - K5LJ, and one year Director Bud King - K5CEK. Board members absent were Corresponding Secretary Steven Deaktor - WA3PMT, two year Director Claude Sessions Jr. - K5HFY, three year Director Darrell Kirk - KC5JAR, and Past President Gailen Marshall - N4SKR. Guests in attendance were Mike Hardwick - N5VCX, Robert Moore - KK5UO, Gene Russell - N5XGT, Irv Smith - KK5QQ, and Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ.

The minutes of the October 5, 1998 Board of Directors meeting as published in the newsletter were approved (there was no November board meeting due to the scheduling problem at the Sugar Land Community Center). Treasurer Larry Jacobson - K5LJ reported the current club treasury balance of \$4880.89 plus an additional \$205.00 field day "slush fund" which was approved. Larry advised that B-VARC collected \$540.00 to date for the the 29 attendees signed up for the annual awards banquet at the Old San Francisco Steak House, with \$40 outstanding. It was reported under Old Business that Claude Sessions Jr. - K5HFY realized \$236.50 receipts for sale of merchandise since the October board meeting.

President Bruce Paige - KK5DO reported under new business that Rick Hiller - W5RH had requested a \$50.00 donation from B-VARC to purchase club patches for the Boy Scouts for "Jamboree on the Air". President Paige also reported that several B-VARC club purchases had been made [not recently] with sales tax charges added. He reminded the board that B-VARC is a federally qualified 501c Corporation and is a tax exempt organization under the IRS Code. We likewise have a State of Texas Sales Tax Exemption Certificate (not printed in these minutes) for which we should be referencing any time a club purchase is made. The unnecessary sales taxes we have been paying are "eating our lunch" and Bruce asked each board member to be aware of this, and to make use of the Texas exemption certificate forms.

Mike Hardwick - N5VCX asked the board to remind all B-VARC members that he has held the position of Public Service Event Coordinator for about four years and that volunteers are welcome to see Mike to offer him assistance in these worthwhile endeavors. There are on average 10 to 14 events annually, such as the Houston Marathon and the MS-150 Austin bike ride, that rely on Ham Radio operators and B-Varc usually supplies the majority of volunteer personnel.

Mike Hardwick - N5VCX also reported to the board that the Memorial Southwest repeater [frequented] by B-VARC had a squelch problem that has been [identified] - a bad television cable was the source of the interference.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Bruce Page - KK5DO, at 7:50 PM.