

**Board Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes
Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club
July 7, 1999**

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at Sugar Land Community Center 7 July 1999. The meeting was called to order by President John Moore - KK5NU at 7:30 p.m.

The following members also were present: corresponding secretary Irv Smith - KK5QQ, assistant treasurer Louis House - KD5GM, one year board member Claude Sessions - K5HFY and two year board member Darrell Kirk - KC5JAR. Absent were past president Bruce Paige - KK5DO, vice president Larry Jacobson - K5LJ, treasurer Gene Russell - N5XGT, recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ and three year board member Robert B. Moore - KK5UO. Mike Hardwick - N5VCX and Anita Kirk attended as visitors.

John asked Irv to record the minutes. A motion to approve the May minutes as distributed by email was made by Claude and seconded by Louis. There were no corrections and so approved.

Irv gave the corresponding secretary report. Membership consists of 13 life members (LM), 117 active members and 22 active family members with a total of 149 members. These are distributed by license class as follows: Extra 37, Advanced 27, General 17, Tech Plus 19, Technician 26, Novice 2. Fourteen unlicensed people round out the membership.

John distributed copies of a letter from Harold Parker - ND5F being sent to each LM telling how they may obtain (at their own expense) a plaque suitable for displaying in their ham shacks. It was noted that several LMs have been signed up this year following reduction of one-time dues to \$160. Treasurer's report by Louis. Motion to accept by Darrel with second by Claude -- approved. Details of the financial information can be requested by club members from the board. There was discussion that Life Member dues were to be put in B-VARC's savings account (where interest would just about cover postage and other pro-rata budget items).

John covered the vice president's report in Larry's absence. Programs have been scheduled for the remainder of 1999. Larry is seeking a program for February 2000 as an aid to next year's program chairperson. Suggestions from the membership would be welcomed. August will feature the Ice Cream Social chaired by Steve Decktor - WA3PMT.

John covered the successful Field Day and thanked Rex Ritz - KC5EEU for organizing it. The only particular disappointment was that not more members availed themselves of the excellent Saturday night dinner prepared by Jack Van De Mark - WN5A and Randy Pollard - AK5G. Contest totals are not yet in from the three stations plus a novice station being operated. The first official contact on a 500' loop put up by Charlie Prochaska - KG5KV was to Hawaii .

Louis discussed the ongoing code class with six students. There was discussion of need for another in late fall (ending by Thanksgiving).

John passed out copies of a succinct e-mail response by the FCC's Riley Hollingsworth to a letter thanking them for squirrel-catching actions. As of meeting date, no official FCC report has been issued. (Editor's note: later in the week an FCC report named three violators).

John mentioned that LM Don Brown K5DXS became a Silent Key. John is looking into the possibility of a memorial planting at Westheimer Air Park.

Old Business: In view of the absence of several board members, discussion of any additional membership classes was tabled.

The web page has received 8572 hits since early 1986. New Business: There was discussion about Newsletter ads. Motion to authorize Claude to pursue such made by Darrel and seconded by Irv -- approved.

Discussion of several venues to leave complementary Newsletter copies. Radio Shack has been found not to be suitable because they typically have no place to display them publicly.

John will investigate the offer of free storage locker space to not-for-profit organizations. B-VARC has several antennas, banners, etc., that need a central storage place.

Mike participated in some off-the-record discussions.

Motion was made to adjourn by Darrel and seconded by Irv. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by corresponding secretary Irv Smith - KK5QQ.