

**BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting - January 4, 2001**

Past President Larry Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. There was a quorum with the members present.

Those in attendance were:

Past president - Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
treasurer - Rex Ritz, KC5EEU
corresponding secretary - John Whiteman, K5LKJ
3-year director - Paul Gray, N0JAA
2-year director - Mike Hardwick, N5VCX

Those not in attendance were:

Recording secretary Bill Allen - KD5IUU
1-year director Robert Moore - KK5UO

Visiting:

Claude Sessions - K5HPY.
Cameron Mitchell - K5CAM
Irv Smith - KK5QQ

Minutes taken by Mike Hardwick.

Motion made to table approval of December meeting minutes since the recording secretary was not there. Corresponding secretary report by John Whiteman with information from Irv Smith. Currently 163 people on the roll with 124 active, 14 life and 25 family. There are 98 members that are in the ARRL as well.

Treasurer report by Rex Ritz and Cameron Mitchell. Motion to accept by Paul and seconded by John. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Kevin Foto, KD5O, arrived and the meeting was chaired buy Kevin and Larry.

Discussion on the president position being open and the problems that it is causing. Rex discussed the club checking account and the problem with the signatures since no president has been elected. The three signatories on the account are the

president, vice president and the treasurer of which two must sign the checks.

General discussion on about electing a president and what by-laws say about electing or appointing one. General discussion of the duties of the president and vice president. Meeting programs for the next few meetings discussed.

Several discussions on filling the president's position. Claude Sessions said that he would be willing to take over the vice president's position if it became open. Discussion on Kevin becoming president. Both Kevin and Claude agreed. Larry made a motion to accept Kevin becoming president and Claude vice president. The motion was seconded by John and the vote was unanimous.

Rex requested that the people authorized to sign on the checking account be put in the minutes. The three people are Kevin Foto, president; Claude Session, vice-president; and Rex Ritz, treasurer.

Kevin discussed having a homebrew night for a club program. Larry suggested that Kevin and Claude work on the program. Kevin said he will call Glen and check on the February program.

Larry and Paul discussed the meeting dates for the rest of the year for the general meeting as well as the board meeting. The general meeting will be the 2nd Thursday of the month and the board will meet on the first Thursday of the month. The only exception are at the end of the year in December with the dates moved to Tuesday. (A complete calendar will be listed in the newsletter next month).

Claude and Larry brought up the clubs records being audited. Larry said that we need to contact Randy Pollard, who has done the books in the past, and see if he would audit them again. Rex said that he would call Randy and check on getting the audit process started. The completion date was discussed with no date agreed on.

Claude said that he had applied for the first 6 months of 2002 for the space at the Sugar Land Community Center but has had no reply from the city of Sugar Land.

Claude presented information on caps, shirts, patches, and windbreakers. Prices were discussed as well as ordering information. He said that he will have order forms at the meetings and he gave a form to Cameron to be published in the newsletter.

John Whiteman brought up several items and they were discussed on bringing in new members. His three main ideas were;

1. To start an elmer net for the new hams in the area as well as for people who just listen.
2. A workshop program
3. Kit building - basic skills in kit building with kits such as a 1 tube transmitter kit. Larry went over some kit-building rules
4. Tailgate Sale for a program - discussion on the old tailgate sale that used to be held and the insurance requirements.

Mike brought up that the Monday night VHF net is being linked to many repeaters statewide and that the net control operator needs to know that the response times are slow on replies.

Paul brought up having fox hunts for a program and homebrew workshop especially for the younger hams.

Kevin brought up about approaching the Boy Scouts and junior high kids.

Mike brought up about approaching Houston Community College and putting an ad in their paper for testing, code and upgrade classes, and the B-VARC meetings.

Larry discussed about making a donation to the MERA group. Rex made a motion to make the donation. Kevin requested that the motion be tabled for the next meeting which was agreed on unanimously.

Motion was made to adjourn by Paul and seconded by Larry. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Hardwick, N5VCX