

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club Minutes of May 4th, 2006 meeting; Board of Directors

- 1) Mike Hardwick called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:30 PM on May 4th, 2006 at the Denny's Restaurant, 8199 SW Freeway; Houston, Texas. Attending were Mike Hardwick, N5VCX (Pres.); Allen Brier, N5XZ (V P); Ross Lawler-W5HFF (Treas./Cor. Sec.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Robert Polinski, KD5YZQ (1-Yr. Dir.); Sid Sherwood, N5ZXD (2-Y. Dir.); Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM (At Large); Charles Frost, K5LBU; John Chauvin, K5IZO; Rich Hiller, W5RH; Randy Pollard, AK5G; Sam Wilson, N5CPA
- 2) Minutes for April 2006 meeting were approved.
- 3) Secretary/Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board. The club has \$6,308.98 total assets, \$3,050.18 total liabilities, leaving \$3,258.80 as the current balance excluding the \$3,176.78 certificate of deposit.
- 4) Old Business:
 - a) Classes: The General class did not have enough people to make. There is a new Technician class announced in the May newsletter.
 - b) Newsletter Printing: It is costing BVARC about \$60 to print each batch of newsletters. Office Depot has been resistant to giving any discount. As they are the lowest printer found to date, this is the apparent rock bottom cost of newsletters.
 - c) By-Laws: Discussion on revising by-laws will begin again with the June board meeting. Lawler proposed moving the general meeting date so club members could attend the Texas DX Society meetings which are also on the second Tuesday. Animated discussion followed. The board decided to see if the Texas DX Society would consider moving their meeting date.
 - d) Warehouse space: BVARC still needs space to store club property. Brier offered some his warehouse space.
 - e) Field Day: The 2007 site will again be at the Richmond Fire Training Facility. The 2007 organizers will again be Chauvin, Brier, and Lawler. Those wishing to volunteer should contact said organizers.
 - f) 2007 Hamfest:
 - i) Location: Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, Building C.
 - ii) Advertisement: Nothing in place yet except the BVARC Web Site.
 - iii) Web site space exposure (modest) will be given to vendors who pre-register.
 - g) General Meeting Schedule:
 - i) May: Saltgrass Network, how it works and its proper use.
 - ii) June: ARES (tentative)
 - iii) July: AMSAT (tentative)
 - iv) August: Ice Cream Social
 - h) BVARC Service Club Status: The ARRL Web Site lost out last entry of club information and application must be again entered.
- 5) New business:
 - a) New Member welcoming: It was pointed out that as a club we do nothing to make new members welcome. Thus, the board decided that new members should receive a welcoming package and renewing members should receive a QSL card as a thank you recognition.
 - b) Life member recognition: It was pointed out that the club does nothing to thank members who join/renew at the Life-Member level. The board is investigating appropriate thank you gifts.
 - c) IRS Paperwork: Pollard is submitting club 2005 tax paperwork even though the club is not required to do so.
- 6) Other Business:

Shiner Bash: Request for additional operators to work public service event.
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary Peter Sauermilch-KD5QPX