

Minutes of February 7, 2008 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club:

Editor's Note: We wish to thank Cam, K5CAM, for taking these notes in Pete's absence.

Present: Frosty (K5LBU), Mike (N5VCX), Arnold (K5ADA), Rick (W5RH), Bill (WS5H), Norma (KE5NDN), John (K5IZO), Dave Barber (KE5NDB), Dave Beers(AF5T), Sid (N5ZKD), Ross (W5HFF), Cam (K5CAM)

Call to order by Frosty at 1920.

Treasurer's report by Sid: Financials for current month and year. Present to Randy for audit. Report accepted – Bill moved, Mike seconded.

Old business:

Hamfest: (Mike reporting)George has ICOM 7000 and Kenwood in stock. Arrow antenna will have to be ordered. The prices are not fixed yet. George may donate a handheld. Possible that George won't be able to have a booth at the Hamfest because Luis has a weekend job and leaves too few people to run the store and Hamfest both. Accommodations for the Hamfest will be resolved Monday. Also, checking on room dividers.

(John reporting) Task groups have been meeting – signs and facilities. 175 emails were sent to prospective displays. (Arnold) 25 tables sold. Bill passed out a form for the BVARC consignment table.

Bill discussed the current situation with Isaacson's digital repeater offer from Exxon. Need to find out if Fort Bend wants it and, if not, do we want to set it up. This may be an annual gift. The motivation may be that Isaacson is an ARES member and they wish to cover more area with digi-peaters.

Meetings: Bill discussed plans for the March meeting – new hams night. Needs more hams to be involved in the program.

Rick is working on the April meeting. Trying to get PSK-31 set up. May be able to get some ISS pictures from a NASA friend.

New Business:

Field Day. Mike seems to have volunteered to be in charge and is the Field Day leader. Discussion about location. Pretty certain to be the Fire Field again. Discussion about the class 4A – 6A. Question about getting enough operators to justify 5A or 6A. Frosty hopes to get some TXDX people. Also, may get a crank-up tower trailer.

Bill. Claude wants to start a BVARC auction series. Board will discuss when Hamfest over and Field Day organized because too much going on at present.

Adjourned 1958.