

Minutes of August 6th, 2009 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club:

Rick Hiller called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:31 PM on August 6th, 2009 at Fudrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: Rick Hiller, W5RH (VP); Arnold Knoche, K5ADA (Treas./Cor. Sec.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); David Barber, K5NDB, (At-Large Dir.); Ross Lawler, W5HFF (At-Large Dir.); Norma Stone, KE5NDN; Bill Stone, WS5H; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM;

- 1) Minutes for the July 2009 meeting were approved as they appear in the August 2009 newsletter.
- 2) Treasurer's Report was presented to, discussed, and approved by the Board.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) Dates and times for the General Meeting locations were discussed. Also discussed was how to routinely meet the new requirements by Sugar Land for securing future meeting locations.
 - b) The Texas Land & Cattle; 12710 US 59 South, Stafford; has been secured for the January 16th, 2010 Awards Banquet. A change in location has become necessary because Saltgrass Steak House could not provide sufficient seating.
- 4) New business:
 - a) Digipeater: Stone requested that the board approve his request to install the club digipeater at West Oaks Hospital. Though it is not as high as other possible locations, it is available now, approved by the property owner, and coverage satisfies the intent of the entity that donated the funding for the equipment. Board approved the install at West Oaks. In conjunction with this request, Stone noted the digipeater would be useful to District 14 ARES (Harris County). Board asked Stone to create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for District 14 use of the digipeater. Stone will provide the MOU to the board and if approved, then will be presented to District 14.
 - b) Web Site: Mitchell has consolidated all the web domain registrations under one registrar. This now makes maintenance a manageable task. He asked the board, "What does BVARC want the web presence to become?" After much discussion, the board decided to create a Web Site Committee consisting of 3 to 5 club members. Mitchell is to contact possible candidates and report back to the board.
 - c) W5DPA Call: Stone stated that various listings on the World Wide Web show the call W5DPA belonging to multiple entities. Stone requested authority to investigate and report to the board on all web non-FCC listings. Board Approved request.
- 5) Schedule:
 - a) August, Ice Cream Social: Ross Lawler, chairman, requested authority to spend up to \$100 on supplies. Request approved by board.
 - b) September, Planning a Special Event: To be held at the Sugar Land branch of the Fort Bend County Library, 550 Eldridge, Sugar Land. Meeting will start at 7:00PM because he must vacate the room by 8:45PM.
 - c) October, RFI Remediation: Jeff Hoke of Centerpoint will talk to their efforts to find and remediate RFI caused by the Centerpoint electrical grid.
 - d) November, Elections: Four positions will become vacant this year, President, Recording Secretary, At Large Director, and Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary.
 - e) December, Home Brew Night: Starting this December, a project must have been constructed within the last 12 months to be presented at Home Brew Night.
 - f) January, Awards Banquet: This year at Texas Land & Cattle.
- 6) Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM