

Minutes of September 4th, 2009 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club:

Charles Frost called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:00 PM on September 4th, 2009 at Fudrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: Charles Frost, K5LBU; (Pres.); Arnold Knoche, K5ADA (Treas./Cor. Sec.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); David Barber, K5NDB, (At-Large Dir.); Rick Hiller, W5RH (VP); Mike Hardwick, N5VCX (Past Pres.); Ross Lawler, W5HFF (At-Large Dir.); Norma Stone, KE5NDN; Bill Stone, WS5H; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; John Chauvin, K5IZO; Dave Beers, AF5T.

- 1) Minutes for the August 2009 meeting were approved as they appear in the September 2009 newsletter.
- 2) Treasurer's Report was presented to and approved by the Board.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) Arrangements are complete for having the January Awards Banquet at the Texas Land & Cattle Restaurant. There are four different menus available with several entrees on each. Entrée choices on each menu are all the same price. The price of each menu is different. There will be a cash bar. Payment must be collected before the event from those attending.
 - b) Knoche made a motion that the club subsidize the cost of each meal so that the cost to members attending is a flat \$20. Motion was approved.
 - c) Lawler was reimbursed for the expenses of the ice cream social. Total amount was \$90.
 - d) Stone reported on his investigations on the club use of calls W5DPA and KK5W.
 - e) Stone reported that the club digipeater is installed and active at West Oaks Hospital.
 - f) Stone reported that the 10-10 International web site had previously shown call W5DPA belonging to BVARC. He has succeeded in getting it listed as Houston Amateur Radio Club (HARC).
 - g) Stone has approached the ARES District 14 board about the possible future loan of the club digipeater during time of disaster. The District 14 board is considering a Memorandum of Understanding that would need to be in place to cover that arrangement.
 - h) Stone asked the board to consider adding equipment to the digipeater, now at West Oaks Hospital, that would upgrade it to a RMS server. Stone was confident that hospital administration would provide internet access to make the upgrade possible.
- 4) New business:
 - a) Stone expressed the strong feeling that KK5W should be used as the BVARC call exclusively.
 - b) Stone pressed Hardwick as to why W5DPA was used as a BVARC call when it is owned by another club, HARC. Hardwick related the history of why people, himself as the most visible, were trying prevent HARC from disappearing and how BVARC became the W5DPA custodian. Stone challenged Hardwick that there was no HARC. Hardwick agreed and said that he would legally recreate the organization to receive the club call. The exchange between Stone and Hardwick became very animated, volatile and loud. Both left the meeting, separately.
 - c) Hiller made a motion, later approved, that W5DPA and all references to it be removed from all BVARC literature, web information, listings, and any other materials.
 - d) Sauermilch volunteered to engrave the three sets of HF feed line filters with BVARC identification, approved by board.
 - e) Hiller asked that BVARC support the Boy Scout function Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), October 17th and 18th, by making it a club event. He also asked that BVARC pay for the scout patched that the boys earn. Request was converted to a motion and approved.
 - f) Knoche reported that BVARC received an anonymous \$200 donation.
 - g) Hiller requested the use of the club call (KK5W) for the Texas QSO Party, September 26th and 27th.
- 5) Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX