

Minutes of November 1st, 2012 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club:

Kirk Kendrick called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:07 PM on November 1st, 2012 at Fuddrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (Pres.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Rick Hiller, W5RH (Past Pres.); David Barber, K5NDB (1yr At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K (Webmaster); Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; Bill Stone, WS5H Michael Monsour, AC0TX; Jerry Muller, KF5EYC; Matt Tatro, K5NGU.

1. Minutes for the October 2012 meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and appears in the November 2012 newsletter.
2. Treasurer's Report was presented to and accepted by the Board.
3. VP Report:
 - 3.1. November General Membership Meeting (GMM), Election & Chili Supper: Hiller reports he has candidates for every position but VP. For the Chili Supper, 5 have volunteered to bringing chili, others bringing accompanying items.
 - 3.2. December GMM, Home Brew & Digital Interface: Kendrick reports several commercial types of digital interfaces have already been volunteered.
 - 3.3. January, Banquet: Kendrick, still in progress.
4. Old Business:
 - 4.1. 2013 Greater Houston Hamfest (GHH): Tatro and Kendrick presented an updated planning. Admission pricing is going up to \$10 at the door (get 1 raffle tickets) and \$6 in advance (get 2 raffle ticket); tables will be \$15 (with 5+ you get 2 admissions). We will put 200 tables in the floor (up from 165 last year). Kendrick discussed budget. We assume only 90% of tables will sell in advance because of the price increase. This will give us some tables to sell at the door which has not been the case in the past 2 years. We think there will be a possible net revenue increase from \$3,838 (2012) to a potential \$4600. The increase of \$1,500 in expenses (more tables, higher fairgrounds costs, paying for setup/tear down assistance) also has risks that may limit revenue (rebellion against price increases, unknown weather, donations, lower attendance affecting raffle sales). The Board authorized the expenditure of \$5,500 for 2013 GHH.
 - 4.2. Fire Field Donation: At the October board meeting, Tatro proposed making a donation to the Richmond Fire Training Field. That was tabled until the November meeting. No research in the matter has taken place. Sauermilch will discover who at the fire field should be the club contact. Board approved to donate \$300 to the fire field. Tatro and Sauermilch will comprise a committee to contact the fire field.
 - 4.3. Astronomy Day: Kendrick reported that they had Boy Scouts at Brazos Bend talking to scouts at other locations. Museum staff was supportive.
 - 4.4. Scout Event, Camp Bovay 11/3/12: Tomlinson will conduct the event. It is unknown who might be assisting him.
5. New business:
 - 5.1. ARRL Sweepstakes this weekend, a reminder.
 - 5.2. GMM Program Ideas: Kendrick, will solicit ideas from the membership for 2013 for the new VP.
 - 5.3. Museum Ships: Stone reports report between BVARC and Cavalla Historical Society is quite good.
 - 5.4. Budget: Kendrick, now is the time to create a committee to propose a operating budget for the coming year. Runner suggested that the general membership should become involved in the budget committee as well as other projects like finding a new home committee. Kendrick plans to make it a topic for a GMM.
 - 5.5. Stone asked if there were plans for a 1-by-1 call and special event station for the Mayan Dooms-Day.
 - 5.6. Kendrick asked who was participating in balloon launches.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX