

Minutes of December 6th, 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 7:00 PM on December 6th, 2012 at Fuddruckers, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (Pres.); Bob Tomlinson, N5JSL (Cor. Sec./Treas.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Rick Hiller, W5RH (Past Pres.); David Barber, K5NDB (1yr At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K (Webmaster); Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; Ron Litt (Radio Sport), K5HM; Sharon Tomlinson, KF5HUF; Michael Monsour, AC0TX; and Matt Tatro, K5NGU.

1. Minutes for the November 2012 Board of Director's meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and appears in the December 2012 newsletter.
2. Minutes for the November 2012 election were approved as previously distributed by email and appears in the December 2012 newsletter.
3. Treasurer's Report was presented to and accepted by the Board.
4. VP Report: (by Kendrick)
 - 4.1. December: Homebrew & Digital Interface night
 - 4.2. January: 2013 Awards Banquet
 - 4.2.1. Location: Houston Museum of Natural Science, Sugar Land
13016 University Blvd., Sugar Land, Texas
 - 4.2.2. Date: January 18th (Friday)
 - 4.2.3. Time: 6:00 to 9:30PM
 - 4.2.4. Speaker: Dr. Patricia Reiff, Rice University
 - 4.2.5. Topic: Space Weather
 - 4.2.6. Admission ticket also gets visitor into the exhibits. The number of attending drives the total price, as the attendance increases the individual admission decreases. A cash bar has a \$500, nonrefundable, set-up fee. Cost of an alcoholic drink is in addition.
 - 4.2.7. Board approved the motion that the cost structure is as follows.
 - 4.2.7.1. Alcohol will not be served because of the cost.
 - 4.2.7.2. Members and first guest will pay \$27.50.
 - 4.2.7.3. Nonmembers and first guest will pay \$57.50.
 - 4.2.7.4. Club will subsidize admission of a member and their first guest at \$30 per admission.
 - 4.2.7.5. A nonmember would be allowed to join in order to lower the price of admission.
 - 4.2.8. Awards: Kendrick reviewed award criteria. He solicited nominations. Decision must be made in early January.
 - 4.3. February: Hiller, antenna review; Leatherland, remote rig operation.
 - 4.4. March: Marc Abramson, ABR Industries (coax).
5. Radio Sport, NOD (Now Zero Days): Litt, event has tremendous with over 800 stations registered through the NOD web site. Have 86 operators but need much more.
6. Old Business:
 - 6.1. Hamfest: Mitchell asked about when the QST advertisement appearing?
 - 6.2. Vendors: The major US radio manufacturers were contacted about getting the best deal on the big raffle prize. Icom offered the best discount.
 - 6.3. Floor Plan: Kendrick and Runner working details.
7. New Business:
 - 7.1. Radio at the Park: Tatro, visited the public park immediately North of Sugar Land Municipal Airport. He had set up a portable station. He thought it would good venue for showing people how to set up stations. Proposed date is January 19, 2013. The event drivers are Tatro, Litt, and Hiller.
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX