

Minutes of February 7th, 2013 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 February 7th, 2013 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.); Ron Litt, K5HM (2yr At-Large Dir. & Radio Sport); Travis Burgess, K5HTB, (1yr At-Large Dir.); David Barber, K5NDB (1yr At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K (Webmaster); Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; John Chauvin, K5IZO (Newsletter Editor); Sharon Tomlinson, KF5HUF; Bill Stone, WS5H, Norma Stone, KE5NDN; Dave Beers, AF5T; Michael Monsour, AC0TX; Jerry Muller, KF5EYC; Matt Tatro, K5NGU; Phillip Hudson, WD5DAY; Scott McKee, NT5SM; Rick Hiller, K5RH; Ross Lawler, W5HFF; Mark Lawler.

1. Minutes for the January 2012 meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and appears in the January 2013 newsletter.
2. Treasurer's Report:
 - 2.1. Was presented to and accepted by the Board.
 - 2.2. Tomlinson announced that there were a lot of renewals and new members as a result of banquet pricing.
3. Radio Sport:
 - 3.1. Litt announced that everything relating to radio sport is on the BVARC Web Calendar.
 - 3.2. Field Day rules have changed as we can start set-up earlier this year.
4. Old Business:
 - 4.1. Hamfest Report: Chauvin announced that the tasks are under control. Tomlinson announced that 31 have already signed up. If board approves, he has a credit card reader, cost is 2.7% per transaction directly into our Pay Pal Account. Board had already approved through email exchanges.
 - 4.2. Banquet: Kendrick announced that he had accidentally eliminated the dessert. Caterer did not inform audience that there was coffee available and that created some negative feedback. Kendrick solicited comments on things linked and not linked.
5. New business:
 - 5.1. Wish List: Burgess, Tomlinson, McKee, Muller volunteered to the 2013 Wish List Committee.
 - 5.2. Contest Season: Hiller wanted to know who gets club computers for Field Day. Tatro will take custody.
 - 5.3. Museum Ships: Board approved Litt as the event chairman.
 - 5.4. Field Day: Board approved Tatro as the event chairman.
 - 5.5. News Letter: Stone complained about the shape of newsletter, fault of US Postal Service. Discussion followed leading to next item.
 - 5.6. Email Newsletter: Muller proposed again that a bulk email go to all members with the newsletter. Very active discussion followed regarding abandonment of paper newsletter to be replaced by email. Kendrick decided that matter requires study of a committee. Litt and Tatro volunteered.
 - 5.7. Stone: Safety gear, proposed club buy a safety belt for tower climbing. Board voiced that it become a wish list item. Muller voiced that a safety harness costs \$169. Lawler voiced that all this had been discussed before and liability of loaning equipment had always been the show-stopper.
 - 5.8. Lawler: Wants a tri-band splitter on the wish list.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX