

## Minutes of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 7:03 PM on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Fuddrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were; Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (Pres.); Terry Leatherland, K5PGF (V.P.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Ron Litt, K5HM (2yr At-Large Dir. & Radio Sport); Travis Burgess, K5HTB, (1yr At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K (Webmaster); Suzanne Runner, KF5GWZ; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; John Chauvin, K5IZO (Newsletter Editor); Ross Lawler, W5HFF; Mark Lawler; Michael Monsour, AC0TX; Matt Tatro, K5NGU; Michael Wrenn, K5WRN; and Jerry Muller, KF5EYC.

1. Minutes for the May 2013 meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and appears in the June 2013 newsletter.
2. Treasurer's Report was not presented, Treasurer was absent from meeting.
3. Radio Sport: Up-coming events were presented by Litt.
  - 3.1. Venezuelan independence contest, end of this month.
  - 3.2. IOTA contest, end of this month.
  - 3.3. Plano ARC Saturday Special Event Station.
  - 3.4. Lawler added that the Mighty MO (KH6BB) activating on 7/13/2013 in Hawaii, Pearl Harbor.
4. VP Report:
  - 4.1. July: Field Day and Museum Ships Weekend Review
  - 4.2. Aug: Ice Cream Social, Hiller principal organizer, Sauermilch and possibly Tomlinson assisting.
  - 4.3. Sep: Texas QSO Party Run-Up.
  - 4.4. Oct: TBD.
  - 4.5. Nov: Chili Supper and Officer Election, principal organizer not yet identified.
  - 4.6. Dec: Home Brew Night.
  - 4.7. Jan: Awards Banquet.
5. Old Business:
  - 5.1. Wish List: Members are Tomlinson (not at meeting) Muller and Burgess. Muller reported they are not ready to make recommendations.
  - 5.2. TxPAC: Barber not yet polled by Kendrick. Action deferred until next month.
6. New business:
  - 6.1. Permanent Home: Committee consists of Chauvin, Runner, and Hardwick. (Hardwick appears to be unavailable in the near future and a replacement volunteer was solicited by Kendrick.) The committee has looked at several possibilities of type and location. Runner found what they feel is a strong possibility. A Mr. John Martin (KC6JSM) was in Runner's business and a conversation evolved where Martin offered shopping center store front. (Martin also wants to become a BVARC member.) The offered location will not be free. Costs will be involved, both up-front and reoccurring. A lengthy and lively discussion followed making points both for and against. Following that was the recognition that BVARC needs two budgets going forward, a capital expense budget and an operating expense budget.
  - 6.2. Budget: Because of the discussion above, the board agreed that only once capital and operating budgets are in existence could a financial decision be made on matters as large as renting club house space. The following two actions were resolved to take place.
    - 6.2.1. The Wish List committee needs to do a budget. The cost of any permanent home must be included.
    - 6.2.2. Litt and Tomlinson now comprise the finance committee which is to assist the Treasurer (Tomlinson) to come up with budget numbers. Litt will contact Tomlinson.
  - 6.3. 94 Repeater: Kendrick has talked to owner/trustee and asked if he has what he needs. He was told that right now he needs no outside help. Kendrick told him that if he comes with a need the board will support him. Kendrick asked the wish list committee add a line item to support the repeater.
  - 6.4. Public Service Net: Muller requested that he receive input of events to distribute to the net operators for the Monday PSN. Kendrick deemed that this is not a board action. Members at the meeting pledged to feed information to Muller in a timely manner.
  - 6.5. Astronomy Day: Kendrick has been approached to support Astronomy Day at George Observatory. In the past they have listen to radio objects and do radio contacts. Board moved and approved that BVARC be officially connected with the event. Tatro proposed that we commit to 5 year cycle for such activities.
  - 6.6. Field Day: Tatro voiced disagreement that each year the board needs to authorize participation each year for field day.

- 6.7. GMM Locations: The City of Sugar Land will no longer accept room reservation requests from BVARC for Imperial Park on Thursday nights starting September 2013. There is a schedule conflict with a city sponsored class. We have Eldridge Park available through the end of 2013. There was a lengthy discussion about alternatives. The board agreed that BVARC should continue to meet at Eldridge Park until a better location is discovered. Muller, Kendrick, and Sauermilch work on future meeting locations.
- 6.8. Balloon Launch: Kendrick proposed that BVARC support the balloon launch in August. The price of everything going up dramatically. A discussion followed regarding what has been done in the past and what and how much a launch costs. Now the typical launch cost is \$1500 to \$2000. The board approved a motion support the August balloon launch up to the amount of \$400.
- 6.9. BVARC Equipment Storage: Litt stated that BVARC urgently needs a storage space to remove the club equipment stored in locations all over the Greater Houston area. In his view, this cannot wait for the permanent home motivated budgeting action. He proposed that a new club position be created within the following parameters.
  - 6.9.1. A club member volunteer should be appointed as quartermaster.
  - 6.9.2. Suitable storage space should be secured as soon as possible. His proposal did not contain the immediate request for funds to rent a storage site.
  - 6.9.3. The quartermaster should collect and inventory all BVARC equipment.
  - 6.9.4. The quartermaster should see to the repair of equipment requiring it.
- 6.10. Vice President Position: Leatherland intends to resign effective the July General Membership Meeting. He recommended that Michael Wrenn be appointed as VP to fill the remainder of his term. Wrenn was the VP runner-up at election. Leatherland has approached Wrenn and Wrenn agreed. Wrenn addressed board, said he was willing to serve. A Motion was made and passed by board that Wrenn be appointed to serve as Vice President to fill out Leatherland term.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX