

Minutes of August 1st, 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 7:06 PM on August 1st, 2013 at Fuddrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were; Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (Pres.); Michael Wrenn, K5WRN (V.P.); Bob Tomlinson, N5JSL (Cor. Sec./Treas.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Travis Burgess, K5HTB, (1yr At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K (Webmaster); Suzanne Runner, KF5GWZ; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; Ross Lawler, W5HFF; Mark Lawler; Michael Monsour, AC0TX (Quartermaster); Jerry Muller, KF5EYC; and Roy Storey, W5TKZ

1. Minutes for the June 2013 meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and as appears in the August 2013 newsletter.
2. Treasurer's Report was presented to and accepted by the Board for the months of June and July 2013.
3. VP Report:
 - 3.1. Aug: Ice Cream Social.
 - 3.2. Sep: Texas QSO Party Run-Up.
 - 3.3. Oct: Matt Tatro has proposed a presentation on the Raspberry Pie computer. Possibly there will be and a member to member auction.
 - 3.4. Nov: Chili Supper and Officer Election.
 - 3.5. Dec: Home Brew Night.
 - 3.6. Jan: Awards Banquet.
4. Radio Sport: Complete list in the newsletter.
5. Old Business:
 - 5.1. David Barber has informed Kendrick that he will be unable to fulfill his duties as a board member. He has asked, through Kendrick, that Rick Hiller be allowed to act as his surrogate at board meetings. Hiller was unable to attend the August board meeting.
 - 5.2. TxPAC Donation: Hiller's and Barber's absence requires Kendrick to break the tie board vote on donating to TxPAC. Kendrick votes to NOT support the TxPAC donation because of membership comments he has received on the matter.
 - 5.3. Wish List Committee: Bob Tomlinson states they are not ready to report to the board.
 - 5.4. Permanent Home Committee: John Chauvin has made a request, through an email to Kendrick, that discussion regarding the permanent home be postponed until next month. He could not be at the August board meeting.
 - 5.5. Budgeting: Kendrick proposed that budgeting go forward as described last month. He proposed that when the new budgets (capital and operating) are approved by the board, that approved expenditures for line-items take place when those activities require without requiring an additional board motion.
 - 5.6. Storage: Kendrick announced that Michael Monsour has volunteered to be BVARC Quartermaster. A board motion was made and passed that a Quartermaster position be created and Monsour be appointed to it. Monsour requested direction from the board as to how to proceed on locating a storage site for club equipment. Monsour was instructed to investigate possibilities and report to the board at a future meeting.
 - 5.7. Newsletter: Jerry Muller proposed that members be allowed to opt-out from receiving a paper newsletter. Chauvin requested, through an email to Kendrick, that any such discussion be postponed so he could present a set of considerations. The board moved and approved that this discussion be tabled until next month.
6. New business:
 - 6.1. QSL Cards: Muller reported that no one has received MSW QSL cards. Ron Litt and Theresa Williams, who would be responsible for MSW cards, were absent from the meeting. No action on this matter was taken.
 - 6.2. Greater Houston Hamfest: Kendrick is looking for 2014 chairman. The previous chairman and key players always want someone new to take over. Chauvin agreed, through an email to Kendrick, to be chairman if most of the key players remain. Chauvin also agreed to remain as a resource if board can find a new chairman. Kendrick and Chauvin will contact past key players to see if they are willing to serve to help the board with the chairman choice. Kendrick will contact past chairmen to see if they are willing to serve.
 - 6.3. Awards Banquet: Kendrick is looking for direction on the 2014 banquet. The museum was universally liked but the most expensive venue we have had. The big task is finding a suitable venue at an affordable price.
 - 6.4. Awards Banquet: Kendrick is looking as speakers for the banquet. Last year there were negative comments the speaker was too technical.
 - 6.5. The September GMM meeting will be conducted by Michael Wrenn.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX