

## Minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

Bill Stone called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:05 PM on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston 77074. Attending were: Bill Stone WS5H (Pres); Michael Wren K5WRN (V.P.); Bob Tomlinson N5JSL (Cor.Sec./Treas.); Michael Monsour ACØTX (Rec.Sec./Quart.); Ron Litt K5HM (2yr At-Large Dir.& Radio Sport); Jerry Muller KF5EYC (2yr At-Large Dir.); Kirk Kendrick KK2Z 1 yr Past Pres.); Eddie Runner NU5K (Webmaster); Suzanne Runner KF5GWZ; Cameron Mitchell K5CAM; John Chauvin K5IZO (Newsletter Editor); Matt Tatro K5NGU; Mike Hardwick N5VCX; Pete Sauermilch KD5QPX; Norma Stone KE5NDN;

1. Minutes for the January 2014 meeting were approved as previously distributed and as appears in the February newsletter.
2. Treasurers Report was presented to the board. Compared to last year the club finances are down ~\$1000. 2013 financials have been turned over to an accountant for a review, The Treasurers Report was accepted by the Board.
3. Old Business
  - 3.1 December 3.2 meeting location: Pete Sauermilch secured the present meeting site Eldridge Conference Center for six more months but there is a need for a better meeting site. The Board approved this to be tabled till the May Board meeting.
  - 3.2 December 4.3--4.3.3 Appointment of a Parliamentarian: John Chavin agreed to take this task on, after Hamfest and was appointed by the President.
  - 3.3 Budget Presentation by Ron Litt
    - 3.3.1 2013 performance: 2013 income comes mainly from 60% Hamfest, 18% Banquet, 14%Dues, 9%other
    - 3.3.2 2013 Expenses: 35% banquet, 30% Hamfest, 12% postage, 5% MSWE, 18% other
    - 3.3.3 2013 Results: ~\$850 surplus, spending is too much, no money added to reserves. There are unforeseen events such as: examples, WA5CYI repeater gift, MSWE, triplexer, Spectrum Defense Fund gift.
    - 3.3.4 Review of IRS rules on 501 c3 regarding surplus and profits from related activities.
    - 3.3.5 Since 60% of club income is from the Hamfest, BVARC is very vulnerable to a Hamfest that gets less income due to bad weather, lower sales or unexpected expense.
    - 3.3.6 Membership: 213 members, 138 dues paying (65%), 56 life (26%) 13 new members, 19 did not renew. Newsletter costs are up because of postage increases.
    - 3.3.7 Banquet budget buster: Banquet revenue 18%, banquet expense 32%
    - 3.3.8 2014 Baseline Budget Assumptions: Reduce MSWE expense by \$400, dues same, banquet same, Hamfest \$600 less, Field Day budget \$1000, No donations from the Club to others, No Wish List expenditures till 2015, Postage cost up 6%.  
2014 Budget Recommendations: Raise dues now to \$25/year, raise Life Membership to \$400, Increase Banquet fee in December, watch expenses and budget integrity is key. Find new revenue sources, membership campaign, kit building activity to make a profit, charge tailgate fees, an annual auction-invite area clubs to participate, collect advertising monies, encourage member renewals.
  - 3.4 There will be a special open meeting for more discussion regarding the budget.
  - 3.5 Kirk Kendrick made a motion to accept the 2014 baseline budget as presented. Jerry Muller seconded it. The motion was voted on and was passed with a nay from Ron Litt.
4. New Business
  - 4.1 Hamfest Report by John Chavin. Everything is on track. There will be a featured speaker as well a keynote speaker. Since the budget was approved and the Hamfest budget was in the approved budget, there is no further approval is needed for funding.
  - 4.2 WA5CYI Repeater donation table at Hamfest with BVARC table with additional funding request is to be renewed after Hamfest
  - 4.3 BVARC Night Out at the Park, loan request is tabled till the next meeting.
- 5 Meeting adjourned by 8:40PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Michael Monsour ACØTX