

## Minutes of the April 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 at 7:05 PM on April 3 2014 at Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston 77074. Attending were: Bill Stone WS5H (Pres), Michael Monsour ACØTX (Rec.Sec./Quart.), Ron Litt K5HM (2yr At-Large Dir.& Radio Sport), Jerry Muller KF5EYC (2yr At-Large Dir.), John Chauvin K5IZO Newsletter Editor, Mike Hardwick N5VCX, Norma Stone KE5NDN

### Reports:

- 1 ACØTX Michael distributed the March 6 revised minutes that includes the advertising rates. So 5.4 shall read as:  
*There is a problem that there seems to be no advertising rated published and is difficult to place an ad. A motion was passed with no nays that the proposed layout is half page layout and full page layout per month, half year and full year. The rates for ½ page are as follows; \$25 per month, \$125 for six months and \$250 for one year. The rates for a full page are as follows; \$50 per month, \$250 for six months and \$500 for the year.*

Jerry made a motion to accept the revised minutes and Michael ACØTX seconded that. Jerry and Michael voted to accept and Ron Litt abstained. The printed minutes will be at the next general membership meeting.

- 1.1 Quartermaster Report: Four names have been placed on the locker; Quartermaster, President, Vice-President and Treasurer. All keys are being recalled, as a new lock will be utilized. Keys are to be given to Pres, Vice-Pres, one elder off the board and temporary possession will be given to whoever is doing Field Day and MSWE and any other BVARC event.
- 1.2 There is no Treasurer report because of a health issue.
- 1.3 Ron gave a Budget report and it shows ~\$1400 less but that includes Hamfest costs and not the Hamfest admissions.
- 1.4 John Chauvin will do a 15 minutes presentation at the general membership meeting in April or May. There will be a de-briefing meeting two weeks from now at Fuddruckers.
- 1.5 John Chauvin went into the by-laws and certain things need to be changed to clean up the by-laws. There needs to be 51 members in good standing for a quorum for a by-laws vote. This may take place in August at the Ice Cream Social.

### Old Business

- 2.1 Questions about the March Treasurers report about donations to the Banquet and discussions of a possibly dues increase will resume in the May Board meeting.

### New Business

- 3.1 There was a complaint about someone that forgot to bring two copies of their license at the VEC session at the Hamfest. It seems that the VEC session requirements posted with the Hamfest may be wrong and may not indicate how many copies of the old license are required. There was extensive discussion. A report from Bob Tomlinson N5JSL a VE there, said the complainant was more rude. A direct conversation with Bob Tomlinson brought out the fact that John Moore KK5NU maintained a professional attitude. BVARC has no care or custody of a VE session. Jerry KF5EYC had direct contact with the complainant and said he was extremely belligerent and kept complaining for two hours whereas a ten-minute trip down to some bank for copies could solve the issue; indeed one other participant did exactly that. The VE program has no sponsors and it stands by itself.
- 3.2 Ron Litt K5HM made a motion: "That we sever out relationship with John and tell him that we will not take his money and he can deposit his money himself and send it to where ever he wants to, and then we form a VE group and provide that to the Hamfest, we have enough volunteer examiners and we can get a VEC in this club that will more compliant with our [not clear]"
- 3.3 Both Jerry KY5EYC and Michael ACØTX directly stated they would not second the motion.
- 3.4 Mike Hardwick N5VCX offered a suggestion that the proper way to deal with this to back to the beginning and check what the requirements are at a VE session and make corrections to the Website and have a private discussion. Getting a replacement VEC will be difficult.
- 3.5 Need a new Hamfest chairman as John Chauvin cited, as he has for the past 2 years, wants out and wants to make the 2014 Hamfest his last as the Chairperson.
- 3.6 MSWE The island is closed off as also the Texas City Dike. Nothing else is known.
- 3.7 Field Day, need a BVARC chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Michael Monsour ACØTX