

Minutes of the September 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 at 7:11 PM on September 4 2014 at Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston 77074. Attending were:

Bill Stone WS5H (Pres), Michael Wrenn 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.), Eddie Runner NU5K Webmaster, Suzanne Runner KF5GWZ, John Chauvin K5IZO Newsletter Editor Parliamentarian, Nathan Vessey N5NYV, Stephanie Vessey K5SFV, Norma Stone KE5NDN

Announcements:

- 1.1 Jo. L Keener KE7NSB is now co photographer with Travis Burgess K5HTB
- 1.2 Ron Litt K5HM is now ambassador to a visiting ham radio operator from Poland.
- 1.3 Jerry Mueller KF5EYC has volunteered to be backup Treasurer for financial services regarding the Hamfest

Reports:

- 2.1 Michael Monsour ACØTX: The August minutes are in the Newsletter. The Ice Cream Social cost was \$260 that came within a budget of \$300. Every year, ice cream scoops seem to completely disappear but this year the utensils are secured in the storage locker. Two donations were given to the club, one a tool case by Jerry Mueller KF5EYC and a Cushcraft R7 by Bob Tomlinson N5JSL, which is under going renovation. A motion was and passed to accept the Secretary's report for the August minutes.
- 2.2 Bob Tomlinson N5JSL gave the financial report; a motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurers report.

Old Business:

- 3.1 A consideration of increasing the prudent reserve is tabled till April 2015
- 3.2 Question of obtaining new QSL cards came up and is being looked into.
- 3.3 Michael Monsour ACØTX gave a report of a possibility of a larger meeting site. Two main negatives: The meeting place is not available till 8PM and also this building is on the edge of four baseball fields and when baseball is on, only about 20 to 30 parking places are available, even though parking across the street might be available. This will not be considered.

New Business:

- 4.1 Nathan Vessey N5NYV and Stephanie Vessey K5SFV gave a report on the multiyear plan for the Hamfest. Stephanie gave presentation on the different proposals on the Hamfest. Expansion to an additional building is seriously being considered where there would be more activities and groups and room for non-revenue exhibits.
- 4.2 There was an appreciation request for John Chavin because of his Hamfest efforts. There was motion by the Board to award John Chauvin K5IZO a [honorary] lifetime membership. This was passed. This is not an easy to obtain reward as the precedent, John was chairman for eight Hamfests, which is the main income for the club.
- 4.3 Texas QSO party: BVARC will donate money for plaques to Texas QSO Party, not to exceed last year's donation.
- 4.4 Astronomy Day November 8: In the past a radio station was setup. BVARC costs will be around \$50.
- 4.5 Chili Supper Michael Monsour volunteered to be Chili Supper chairman but different ideas will be implemented to encourage more chili pots.
- 4.6 Banquet locations were discussed. Expenses need to be contained
- 4.7 Last year an auction was done in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Michael Monsour ACØTX