

Minutes of the April 9th, 2015 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

Mike Hardwick N5VCX called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to at 7:00 PM on April 9th, 2015, at Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston 77074. Attending were: Mike Hardwick N5VCX (V.P.), Bob Tomlinson N5JSL (Treas.), Michael Monsour ACØTX (Rec.Sec./Quart.), Stephanie Vessey K5SFV (Cor. Sec, QSL Manager), Jerry Muller K9GEM (2yr At-Large Dir.), Darrel Kirk KC5JAR (1 yr At-Large Dir), Eddie Runner NU5K Webmaster, Suzanne Runner KF5GWZ, Rick Hiller W5RH, , Nathan Vessey N5NYV, Ron Litt K5HM (Radio Sport)

Announcements:

- 1.1 Bill Stone was adamant that he not be contacted during his medical absence including E mail or visitation.

Reports:

- 2.1 A motion was made and passed to accept the March minutes as published in the Newsletter and passed out to the Board.
- 2.2 A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- 3.1 Nathan Vessey N5NYV gave the Hamfest review. There was a new method of counting people. Everybody entering the Hamfest was given one door prize tickets and these tickets were counted and the tickets counted were 1,345. Probably there is a need to combine table sales with admissions, as there was a lot of confusion. Seems to be a need to have a conference of hamfest organizers. Half the signed up volunteers did not show up. All prizes have been mailed except for one and there will be continuing attempts at contact.
- 3.2 John Chavin K5IZO reported that the ARRL thought that the Hamfest was just great. All vendors except for one vendor were pleased with the Hamfest.
- 3.3 Two items were stolen, an antenna rotator and a helicopter.
- 3.4 Museum Ships Weekend Event. Cookie (Willis Cooke) K5EWJ, the MSWE chairman has the permission of the county board. The BVARC Website has been updated regarding MSWE.
- 3.5 There is no Field Day chairman yet. There is a need to see if ECHO and TDXS will be there at Field Day.
- 3.6 General meetings. April 9th, Center Point Energy presentation, May 14th is open as the FCC canceled their presentation, June 11th ARES – Hurricane Preparedness second part: Field Day.
- 3.7 Membership Committee: no winners for special membership drive.
- 3.8 New meeting place in Rosenberg was suggested but the drive is too far.

New Business:

- 4.1 Dr David Woolweaver K5RAV, ARRL West Gulf Division director asked BVARC for nominations for three ARRL awards.
- 4.2 Website updates: The site has been updated regarding the Hamfest and MSWE
- 4.3 License Classes: Ron Litt K5HM and Nathan N5NYV are handling this. The sponsor will be Harris County Public Health using their facilities.
- 4.4 There is nothing on the Website with regarding how to be an Amateur Radio operator.
- 4.5 There needs to be a new membership packet past the tri-fold.
- 4.6 At the end of testing, there should be some welcome brochure for new hams
- 4.7 BP MS150 Bike Ride will occur April 18th & April 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Michael Monsour ACØTX