

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

Mike Hardwick called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to at 5:35 PM on July 9th, 2015, at Sugar Land Masonic Lodge, 421 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land 77478.

Attending were:

Mike Hardwick N5VCX (V.P.), Bob Tomlinson N5JSL (Treas.), Michael Monsour ACØTX (Rec.Sec./Quart.), Stephanie Vessey K5SFV (Cor. Sec, QSL Manager), Scott Medbury KD5FBA (2yr At-Large Dir), Jerry Muller K9GEM (2yr At-Large Dir.), Darrel Kirk KC5JAR (1 yr At-Large Dir), Cameron Mitchell K5CAM, John Chauvin K5IZO Newsletter Editor/Parliamentarian, Ron Litt K5HM (Radio Sport), Pete Sauermilch KD5QPX, Nathan Vessey N5NYV

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm

Reports:

- 1.1 A motion was made and approved to accept the June minutes
- 1.2 A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- 2.1 Comments regarding the Masonic Lodge contract will be presented to the Masons. Garbage, for example from the Ice Cream Social will have to be carried away.
- 2.2 The Hamfest needs a wrap-up meeting and dates and location decided. A deposit has to be made to secure any site.
- 2.3 MSWE, turn out had four or five people. There were about ~ 122 contacts. Worst problem was with the raccoons that carried food away. The cabana interiors could not be used because of bird residue.
- 2.4 Field Day was hugely successful. ~4500 contacts, ~15,000 points, Dr David Woolweaver came by and said the BVARC operation was one of the largest in the state. The GOTO station had ~118 contacts.
- 2.5 General meetings: August 13th -Ice Cream Social; September 10th -Antenna design, October 8th -D-Star, November 12th -Chili Supper & elections,, December 10th -Homebrew night, January 15th -Banquet, February 11th -Ham Emergency deployment- Go Kits 101.
- 2.6 The banquet will be at the same place as last year.
- 2.7 Need to formalize committees such as, License classes, Meet and Greet, Retaining Members, Social Media and Membership participation.

New Business:

- 3.1 By-laws Amendment: With around 240 members obtaining a quorum of 25% is extremely difficult. There was discussion whether to drop the requirement to 15% or 10%. A vote was taken and the 10% quorum was picked.
- 3.2 Banquet date is tentatively Jan 15, Friday night.
- 3.3 A motion was made and passed to authorize \$300 for Ice Cream Social
- 3.4 A motion was made and passed to authorize \$150 for possible prizes for Ice Cream Social
- 3.4 Houston Ham Radio Club Extravaganza: BVARC would sponsor a giant a field day type two-day event at the fire-training field inviting all the clubs in the greater Houston area. This will be further discussed at later Board meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Michael Monsour ACØTX