
Minutes of the August 8th, 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 10:00 AM on August 8th, 2015, Saturday 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), Scott Medbury KD5FBA (2yr At-Large Dir), Jerry Muller K9GEM (2yr At-Large Dir.), Darrel Kirk KC5JAR (1 yr At-Large Dir), Eddie Runner NU5K (Webmaster), Suzanne Runner KF5GWZ, Cameron Mitchell K5CAM, John Chauvin K5IZO (Newsletter Editor/Parliamentarian), Rick Hiller W5RH, Ron Litt K5HM (Radio Sport), Pete Sauermilch KD5QPX (facility manager), Nathan Vessey N5NYV, (Hamfest Chairman) Donovan Balli KG5BDZ (future Treasurer),

Opening statement by the chairman:

- 1.1 A memorial service for Bill Stone is being planned by one of the other groups that Bill was close to, which will probably happen in September.

Emergency Business:

2.1 The present treasurer will be moving to Idaho and will be resigning very soon. Donovan Balli KG5BDZ has volunteered to finish out Bob Tomlinson's term. A motion was made and passed to appoint Donovan Balli as Treasurer to finish out Bob's term.

- 2.2 The President's position: Three options; hold a special election, appoint a president or keep things as they are. A motion was made and passed to keep things as they are. The acting president can only vote as a tiebreaker.

Reports:

- 3.1 A motion was made and passed to accept last month's minutes.

3.2 Treasurer's Report: There was no activity at all in the month of July. A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business:

4.1 The Masonic contract has been signed. Peter Sauermilch KD5QPX is the facility's committee manager. A check for ten months rent + deposit has been written up. The Masons have a fiscal year from July to June. There is a \$500 charge for a lost key.

- 4.2 Hamfest wrap up meeting will be discussed a noon today.

4.3 Meetings: August 13 Ice Cream Social, By Laws Amendment vote. The Baofengs have been ordered will only be given out if a quorum is reached. September 10th, Rick Hiller will do Antenna Design and Troubleshooting. Oct 8th is open with possibilities of Homebrew night, an auction or something else.

Nov 12th Chili Supper and Elections, December 10th D-star presentation.

4.4 Formation of Committees: Facilities Committee, Event Committee, such as Field Day, Museum Ships and any other event perhaps having a club project. Membership Committee will be in charge of: License classes, Meet and Greet, retaining members, social media, membership participation and VE services.

- 4.5 The Houston Ham Radio Club Extravaganza is being tabled for now.

New Business:

5.1 Banquet: It will be at Maggiano's Little Italy on January 15 Friday night with getting a larger room. The speaker has not been confirmed yet but will probably require air fare, room and rental car.

5.2 Memorial Service for Bill Stone will probably occur in September on a Saturday afternoon.

5.3 Jerry Mueller brought up concerning the Balloon Launch group and contributing \$100 for this year's event. A motion was made and passed to contribute \$100 to the Balloon Launch Group for this year.

5.4 It seems that a donation for use of the Fire Field in 2014 was returned because it was made out to the wrong group.

5.5 John Chavin brought up Astronomy Day that will have a live HF station, which is the last weekend in October. A motion was made and passed for a \$50 donation for Astronomy Day.

5.6 Mini Makers Faire: This year that event will be at George R Brown on November 14. Exhibitors will only get two or three free admissions. Attendance last year was 3,000 and it is expected to be three times as much. More information needs to be obtained and this will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

5.7 A future event will be the South East Texas Regional Advisory Council. 2500 professionals will attend this. Promoting ARES type work with Amateur Radio with a special event station and this will be promoted to the national level. There is an opportunity to involve the BVARC name. This will be discussed further at a future Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Michael Monsour ACØTX
