

Minutes of the November 7th, 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 10:08am on November 7th, 2015, at Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston 77074. Attending were: Mike Hardwick N5VCX (V.P.), Donovan Balli KD5BDZ (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.), Eddie Runner NU5K Webmaster, Cameron Mitchell K5CAM, Rick Hiller W5RH, Ron Litt K5HM (Radio Sport), Pete Sauermilch KD5QPX, Nathan Vessey N5NYV, Jon Noxon KF5TFJ

Reports:

- 1.1 A motion was made and passed to accept the second version of the Minutes as it appears on page 10 of the Newsletter.
- 1.2 A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as sent out in the E mail.
- 1.3 Hamfest: Two things needed are from the Hamfest Committee are the basic organization chart and basic schedule of events and happenings. There is a great problem with getting volunteers to work at the Hamfest. A volunteer needs incentives to show up. There is a need to pay for full use of the Fairgrounds on Friday and a reduction for non-use of the kitchen.

General Meetings:

- 2.1 This Thursday will be Chili Cook Off and Elections. There was a request to know the names on the ballot, Rick W5RH replied that the nominations are not closed and will stay up to voting time. However Rick will put the ballot up on the reflector on Thursday.
- 2.2 December 10th will be D-Star.
- 2.3 January 15th will be the Banquet, it will like last year except it will be in a larger room. The speaker will Joey Clements from Harris County.
- 2.4 February 11th is Emergency Communications
- 2.5 March 10th is Home Brew contest

Formation of Committees:

- 3.1 Formation of Committees are being tabled

Old Business:

- 4.1 Nathan requested \$53 to pay for Makers Faire. A motion was made and passed to pay this. Other than the club flags there is no permanent club display. Research into the ARRL display will be made.
- 4.2 A problem occurs when people get interested in Ham radio and there are no classes that people can be directed to. A flyer needs to created listing the testing times/dates and site information and the next meeting. A motion was made and passed to authorize spending up to \$200 for the Makers Faire – this replacing the earlier motion for \$53. This year, the BVARC booth is in a prime location and probably will show a video of a balloon launch and other ideas were discussed.
- 4.3 There are three most important things to have flyers on: classes, tests and clubs.

New Business:

- 5.1 The Skeeters are setting up a Holiday Light Festival Nov 27 to Jan 3 at Constellation Field and if BVARC sets up a link, anybody purchasing a ticket through the link would get \$2 off and \$1 would come back to BVARC.
- 5.2 There is hope with having MSWE on board the Stewart at Sea Wolf Park.
- 5.3 The Hamfest Web site has taken a new look and needs tweaking. Hamfest table on line purchase should happen sometime in December.
- 5.4 Ron K5HM will research the cost in obtaining ARRL display materials.
- 5.5 Field Day result: First in 8A and 5th in the USA.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Michael Monsour ACØTX