

Minutes of the February 4, 2017 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

Board Members Present:

Mike Hardwick N5VCX (President.)
Mark Janzer K5MGJ (Vice President)
Donovan Balli KG5BDZ (Treasurer)
Jon Noxon KF5TFJ (Rec. Secretary)
Scott Medbury KD5FBA (2yr @ Lg Dir)
Jo L Keener KE7NSB (2yr @ Lg Dir)
JP Pritchard KG5MBG (yr @ Lg Dir)

Non-voting attendees:

John Chauvin K5IZO (Parliamentarian)
Ron Litt K5HM (Radio Sport)
Michael Monsour ACØTX (QM)
Cam Mitchell K5CAM
Jerry Muller K9GEM
Pete Sauermilch KD5QPX

A Quorum was established.

Minutes:

1. Call to order. Club President Mike Hardwick called the regularly scheduled monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to order at 9:05:15 AM on January 7, 2017. The meeting was held at the Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas 77074.
2. The opening statement from Club President briefly covered the Super Bowl weekend and the 10M contest.
3. No emergency business.
4. A motion made and passed to accept the minutes of the January 2017 meeting as published in the February 2017 Club Newsletter.
5. A motion made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report presented by Donovan Balli, Club Treasurer.

6 Old Business

6a Hamfest: next organization meeting to be held February 4 following the Board of Directors Meeting. Deposit has been made for Fair Grounds. Due to ongoing construction at the facility, logistical problems are anticipated and are being worked. However, everything is moving forward.

6b Field Day: Club still needs a coordinator for Field Day; TXDX is on board so we will once again be multi-club (ECHO not yet confirmed). Antenna guru will be Bill Cordell.

6c General Member Ship Meetings:

Club Banquet had 54 attendees at cost of \$2861 and change; some discussion of doing something different next year.

February 9, 2017 Radio Interference and RF exposure by Bill Cordell

March 9, 2017 TBD

April 13, 2017 CW by Nizar

May 11, 2017 Museum Ships (and something else TBD) Discussion follows:

A work party for the Stewart met on January 15 to prepare the vessel for Museum Ships Weekend. Work party was coordinated by K5MGJ, who gave a report to the BOD. An additional work party date is TBD (around mid April).

6d TBD if Masonic Lodge Contract has cleared all hurdles; check has not cleared; Mike will call to get them to cash the Club check and also check on promised extra key.

6e Report on "Testing for Scouts" by K5MGJ. A special testing session was held of six candidates, four scouts and two adults; only adults passed the exam; two scouts missed by a few questions and the other two by a lot; "Ham in a Day" class with 16 participants; only one passed; further activity with scouts TBD

6f Analysis of pros and cons of electronic only publication of the Club Newsletter presented by K5IZO; after a lengthy discussion going to electronic only newsletter not approved

6g The club parliamentarian discussed requirements for BOD appointment to fill vacant Corresponding Secretary position; appointment would be effective until the next general election (November meeting); possibility to revise the Bylaws to allow further changes in procedure TBD; Motion made and passed to appoint Jon KF5TFJ to fill the vacant Corresponding Secretary until the November elections. Jon now has both Secretary positions (but only one vote!)

7 New Business

a) Ron Litt K5 HM reported the ARRL Directors have adopted a Code of Conduct; members of ARRL seems to have been closed out of knowledge of ARRL board activities.

b) Jon KF5TFJ suggested term dates be added to Officer's list in the newsletter

NOTE: All dates for 2017 Board of Directors Meetings have been set as follows

January 7,
February 4
March 4
April 8

May 6
June 3
July 8
August 5

September 9
October 7
November 4
December 9

All dates have been reserved at Bayland Park on Bissonnet. Meetings are open to all and Club Members are encouraged to attend and be engaged in Club governance.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 AM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Jon Noxon KF5TFJ