

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting
14 January 2003**

The minutes were recorded by N9LF.

Members in attendance:

Cheryl Runkle, K9HER	Steve Parker, WR9A	Bruce Stewart, N9GKE
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	Bob Finch, W9YA	Steve Van Frank, W9TN
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	Greg Dean, N9NWO	Tim Gardner, N9LF
Bob Martin, W9YE	Jack Freeman, KF9CT	Fran Hudlow, WA9HKK Tom
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The meeting was called to order by at 19:33 by WB9SWD.

The reading of the minutes and the treasurers reports were temporarily delayed pending delivery.

Officer Elections

WB9BRX and WB9SWD have each agreed to run for new terms in their current offices (Treasurer and Vice-President, respectively). Nominations were accepted from the floor. N9GKE was nominated for President and N9LF was nominated for Secretary. There were no additional nominations. As no office was contested, the slate was accepted by acclimation. Later in the meeting, it was pointed out that we needed to elect a Director, as the previous president has resigned. W9TN was the only nomination and by general acclimation was elected Director.

Officers for 2003:

President	Bruce Stewart, N9GKE
Vice-President	Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD
Treasurer	Dave Dull, WB9BRX
Secretary	Tim Gardner, N9LF
Director	Steve Van Frank, W9TN

Old Business

N9GKE reported that the antenna tower has been inspected and determined to be a sound structure but noted that it needs to be painted. The inspector also re-installed our rotor for the tri-bander. TARA cost for this service is \$332.50. As per the agreement, the Red Cross will pay the \$190 inspection fee, plus \$56.70 travel expenses.

The Red Cross is pursuing a "hold harmless" agreement that would once again permit TARA members to climb the tower. It was assumed that TARA was incorporated, but there was discussion that while we once were, no paperwork to that effect has been executed in recent years (meaning our registration with the state has expired). N9NWO will pursue this with the Secretary of State to resolve the matter.

WB9SWD noted that after the rotor was reinstalled, the control box is malfunctioning. W9YE offered to supply a known good control box for testing purposes.

N9GKE stated that we have been operating at a deficit, and that we need to raise the annual dues to make up the difference. Considerable discussion ensued. It was agreed that we should pursue changing the By-Laws (which currently specify the amount of the dues) to simplify the process for future changes. When this was last actively discussed, we proposed publishing in the Tattler the purpose and proposed textual changes. W9TN agreed to write the article. It was further agreed that the proposal would appear in two successive issues of the Tattler, and that a self-addressed, stamped post card would be included in the second issue, to permit voting by mail. W9YA agreed to collect the mail-in votes.

The 2003 Banquet dinner will be held at the Golden Corral (SR 26E, just east of Target) on Wednesday, January 22 at 7pm. We have a semi-private room reserved for our use.

New Business

N9GKE asked for volunteers to audit the books. W9YA and W9TN agreed and will meet with WB9BRX to arrange a time/date/place.

The minutes from the December meeting have not yet been published in the Tattler, so will be read at the February meeting.

WB9BRX gave the Treasurers report. We had income of \$363.47 and no expenses and a bottom line total of \$8811.16.

N9GKE moved to close the meeting and N9YTE seconded Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:05.

Kenneth Newcomb, KA9WYA, petitioned for membership (via postal mail). Since he has included the requisite monetary funds, he was accepted for full membership.

N9GKE called for a motion to pay the \$332.50 charge for the rotor installation. Motion passed.

W9TN asked for a clarification on the committee memberships. After some discussion, these are the results:

<u>ARC Liaison Committee</u>	<u>Antenna Committee</u>
All officers & director	Bob W9YA
W9REG license trustee	Steve WR9A
	Vince KC9BHH

The drawing (after reverting to \$6 on the New Year) was won by N9NWO.

Meeting adjourned at 20:56