

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting
11 March 2003**

Members in attendance:

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| Cheryl Runkle, K9HER | Steve Parker, WR9A | Bob Finch, W9YA |
| Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD | Tom Kuespert, K9KF | Steve Van Frank, W9TN |
| Dave Dull, WB9BRX | Tim Gardner, N9LF | Jack Freeman, KF9CT |
| Bob Lusby, K9FOH | | |

Vistors:

Alex Younts, KC9CYK Joyce Younts

The meeting was called to order by at 19:32 by WB9SWD.

The minutes of the February 2003 meeting were read and accepted with the following corrections:

- The heading incorrectly read "January" when it should read "February."
- W9YA objected to the notation that he volunteered to relinquish the club trusteeship. The text should read: He said "he would be obligated to relinquish the trusteeship if he could not serve on the ARC liaison committee for reasons of liability both personally and to his license."

The Treasurers report shows \$187.84 in income and \$30.00 in expenses, with a balance of \$8549.52. A motion to accept passed.

Old Business

The antenna rotor is not yet working. WB9SWD is concerned that the mechanism at the top of the tower may be locked in place.

WB9BRX mentioned that he is preparing papers to reinstate the club as an Indiana corporation. According to the state, our registration expired in 1992. The cost of reinstatement is expected to be either \$60 or \$130 (it isn't yet clear if we must pay the annual fee for the intervening years).

N9LF announced that SB109, which would limit local governments from passing tower restrictions, passed the Indiana Senate by a 42-8 margin. The bill is now awaiting action in the House. Please contact your house representatives and let them know your opinion of this bill. You may contact you legislators on the Web at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/legislators> and follow the links.

New Business

W9YA is relinquishing the club trusteeship. Paperwork has been filled out and signed. N9GKE has agreed to accept the trusteeship. W9YA will FAX the forms on Wednesday morning (March 12) and provide copies to the club.

Concern was raised that a single person should not be president, trustee and the primary ARC contact. After a contentious discussion, it was agreed that, for now, we would proceed, and that the trusteeship could be reassigned at any time in the future.

K9KF moved to accept N9GKE as the trustee, W9TN seconded. Motion passed.

Field Day

WB9SWD mentioned the new entry class ("F") which allows operations from an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). An extended discussion followed, and many good points about the merits of operating from the ARC shack vs. at the usual site. Some of the points discussed:

- Good public exposure at the ARC station.
- "Golden opportunity" to work with the Red Cross.
- In many disaster situations, operation from the Red Cross station would necessarily be required.
- Much of the mystique about Field Day would be lost by working indoors at the regular station.
- It would be quite difficult to operate two full stations in such close proximity.
- One station would be limited to 10, 15 & 20 meters, due to antenna limitations.

In the end, it was agreed that there are merits to both arguments and we should consider the possibility of running a small operation at the Red Cross and the usual operation at the Veteran's Home. No decision was made, and discussion will continue at future meetings.

Bonus points were discussed (1500 available this year). Help is needed in several areas. Contact WB9SWD if you can help. N9LF has the invitations used for public official in the past and will forward them to WB9SWD.

Miscellaneous:

Visitor Alex Younts, KC9CYK petitioned for membership. Alex is 14 years old and a student at Klondike Middle School. W9YA moved to accept Alex, N9LF seconded. Motion passed.

W9YA announced that he participated in auditing the books and wished to commend WB9BRX for his high quality work.

KC9CDQ was not present to claim the drawing for \$12.

Meeting adjourned at 21:00 (approximately).