

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting
13 May 2003**

Members in attendance:

Bruce Stewart, N9GKE	Clyde Mauck, K9JWI	Jeff Stewart, KF9UP
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	Tom Kiespert, K9KF	Steve Van Frank, W9TN
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	Tim Gardner, N9LF	Alex Younts, KC9CYK
John Coy, KC9BPE	Jay Welsh, KC9AFE	

Visitors in attendance:

Mike Maddox, W9CBA Cody Mullen (no call)

The meeting was called to order by at 19:32 by N9GKE.

The minutes of the May 2003 meeting were read. W9TN made a motion to accept. WB9SWD seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasurers report shows a balance of \$8563. Income was \$288 and expenses totaling \$88. The Field Day auction netted \$394 including several generous donations. Some payments have been received since month end, and a few are yet outstanding. KC9BPE moved to accept the report and K9KF seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

KC9BPE reported that he expects to receive the formal lease agreement from the Red Cross tomorrow. A club officer must sign the agreement. The "hold harmless" agreement must also be signed by any individual who wishes to climb the tower.

KC9BPE introduced a guest, Mike Maddox, W9CBA, who petitioned for membership. WB9SWD moved to accept Mike as a member and N9GKE seconded. Motion passed.

John Parker, KC4YGO, petitioned for membership via mail. KF9UP moved to accept John as a member and W9TN seconded. Motion passed.

Randall Young, KC9BFS, petitioned for membership via mail. KF9UP moved to accept John and W9TN seconded. Motion passed.

KC9CYK introduced Cody Mullen (no call) who petitioned for membership. KF9UP moved to accept Cody as a member and W9TN seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

KF9UP announced that the 2003 edition of the Soap Box Derby is to be held on June 21 at the West Lafayette High School. Contact Jeff if you would like to assist with the timing and scoring.

WB9SWD requested better coordination for monthly Siren Tests.

We received a card from Marty Lusby, thanking us for the potted plant we sent to her after her mother's death in May. Marty is the XYL of club member Bob, K9FOH.

Field Day

We received a written confirmation of permission to use the Veteran's Home grounds.

The porta-pot has been ordered.

K9JWI has volunteered to be station chief for one of the two primary HF stations. A station chief is still needed for the other HF station.

N9ZFG will be the station chief for the VHF/UHF station.

WB9BRX will attempt a satellite contact.

No major changes in the antenna plans. The "big loop" and Alpha-Delta five-band dipoles, plus a 40m dipole at $\frac{1}{4} \lambda$ above ground and one 40m coaxial dipole will provide five antennas for the three HF stations (two primaries and one GOTA).

WB9BRX will arrange the networking between the TR-log computers for the two primary stations.

A generator is available, but WB9CZC who typically heads up the crew cannot participate due to other commitments. Volunteers needed.

WB9SWD will chief the GOTA station.

Volunteers are still need for the following positions:

1. Kitchen manager and cook (you do want food at FD, right?).
2. Bonus points manager (you don't have to do everything, just coordinate with others and make sure things are covered).
3. Generator crew (helps set up, keep the gas tank filled, check oil, etc).
4. HF station chief.

Volunteers will be needed for setup on Friday. The fun begins at 1pm, June 27.

W9IMU was not present to claim the drawing for \$30.

WB9SWD asked if there was any interest in ARRL Field Day pins and/or Tee shirts. Contact Curtis if you want to order either a pin or shirt.

Meeting adjourned at 20:08.