

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting
12 August 2003**

Members in attendance:

Bruce Stewart, N9GKE	Bob Lusby, K9FOH	Jack Freeman, KF9CT
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	Tak Ryuzoji, KC9AMT	Steve Van Frank, W9TN
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	Tim Gardner, N9LF	Alex Younts, KC9CYK
John Parker, KC4YGO	Greg Dean, N9NWO	Major Sherwin, N9ZFG
J Welsh, KC9AFE		

The meeting was called to order by at 19:33 by N9GKE.

The minutes of the July 2003 meeting were read. K9FOH made a motion to accept. W9TN seconded. Motion passed.

There was no treasurer's report.

Old Business

N9GKE reported that the Red Cross attorney has still not provided us with lease and hold harmless agreements. KC9BPE is attempting to secure tower climbing permission in the interim.

John Rodenbarger, WB9OFG, conducted an introductory session on the National Traffic System (NTS) at the July program meeting.

We received a thank you card from Howie Koehl, KZ9Z, and his family. Howie's mother passed away on July 19, 2003.

New Business

N9ZFG has confirmed that he and XYL Vicky will operate the food station at the hamfest.

K9FOH is still recruiting ticket sellers for the hamfest.

WB9BRX says that we will have 20-30 tables available for our hamfest use. Thanks to the folks at the fairgrounds for the temporary loan. *In case you are wondering, the building we rent is not normally supplied with tables. The groundskeeper has gone out of his way to provide them in the past (at no additional cost to us), and has agreed to do so again this year. Tables are not always available, depending on other activities at the fairgrounds.*

By general agreement, the club's Yaesu FT726 will once again be put up for sale. In order to give all club members a fair chance to purchase this equipment, bids will be accepted at the next regular business meeting (September 9, 2003). Purchase price is \$400 or best offer.

General description: The rig is an early satellite capable radio. The rig is really a chassis which accommodates up to three modules. Each module supports one VHF or UHF band. The rig is equipped with three modules, one each for 6m, 2m and 440MHz. Each band is fully SSB, FM and CW capable and puts out about 10 watts. There is no CTCSS tone encoder, but the rig is otherwise usable on repeater frequencies (requires both Rx and Tx frequencies be individually programmed). Original manual and hand mic included.

Although no specific bidding process was discussed, the Secretary is volunteering to accept bids on behalf of club members who cannot attend the September meeting. Send email to n9lf@arrl.net with your name and bid. I will hold all bids and present them at the meeting.

The drawing for \$6 was lost by Keith Hood, KC9CDQ.

Meeting adjourned at 20:01.