

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting
9 December 2003**

Members in attendance:

Bruce Stewart, N9GKE	Jack Freeman, KF9CT	John Coy, KC9BPE
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	Steve Van Frank, W9TN	Mike Maddox, W9CBA
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	Tim Gardner, N9LF	Pedro Castillo, WB9RVN
Cheryl Parker, K9HER	Steve Parker, WR9A	Bob Lusby, K9FOH
Ed Delp, N9YTE	John Baugher, N9JEA	

Visitors in attendance:

Joe Rogers, KM9V Hugh McGuire, KC9EWG

The meeting was called to order by at 19:30 by N9GKE.

The minutes of the November 2003 meeting were read. K9FOH made a motion to accept. KF9CT seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasures report for November shows income of \$2 (interest) and no expenses with and an ending balance of \$8778. K9FOH moved to accept, WR9A seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

W9TN and WB9BRX announced that the "24 Hours on the Move" by the Lafayette Adventure Sports Club has been changed from December to February 2004. Contact Steve or Dave if you can help with communications (think of it as Field Day in the winter).

The lease agreement with the Red Cross has been signed. The "hold harmless" agreements required for antenna climbing are expected shortly.

N9GKE recruited KM9V to climb the tower and attempt to get the rotor operating (pending a good weather day and final ARC permission). Thanks to Joe for his generosity.

Officer elections are in January. We need volunteers for all four officer positions.

As agreed to at the November meeting, the remaining junk... er, "treasures" in the Shack are now available to club members in exchange for a small (reasonable) donation. Excess treasures will be disposed of in short order.

New Business

We received a request from AMSAT for financial support of their next project. ECHO is expected to launch early next year and they need to raise a total of \$110,000. N9YTE moved and W9TN seconded that we send \$25. Motion passed.

The January "program" meeting is traditionally the banquet. Possible locations were discussed. It was agreed that no location will please everyone.

The drawing for \$24 was not won by J Welsh, KC9AFE. The drawing prize reverts to \$6 in January.

Meeting adjourned at 19:58.