

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting
09 March 2004**

Members in attendance:

Bruce Stewart, N9GKE	Jack Freeman, KF9CT	Clyde Mauck, K9JWI
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	Alex Younts, KC9CYK	Tak Ryuzoji, KC9AMT
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	Tim Gardner, N9LF	John Parker, KC4YGO
Cheryl Parker, K9HER	Steve Parker, WR9A	Bob Lusby, K9FOH
Greg Dean, N9NWO		

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

The minutes of the February 2004 meeting were read. K9FOH made a motion to accept and WR9A seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasurers report for February shows income of \$55.65 and no expenses with an ending balance of \$8866.68. K9FOH moved to accept, K9HER seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

N9GKE reports that the shack cleaning was rather successful, although a second pass at the floor remains desirable.

N9GKE has had no contact from anyone interested in a group trip to the Hamvention. Contact Bruce if you are interested in a one day (Saturday) trip.

New Business

WB9SWD requests that everyone who plans to participate in TARA Field Day please contact him. He needs to get an approximate count and to wants to know how many want to do Field Day at the Veteran's Home vs. the club station at the Red Cross. Contact Curtis via email at sherwin@purdue.edu or by telephone (days) at 494-1158.

K9FOH inquired about the status of antennas on the tower. At the present time, the Force12 HF beam is at the top of the tower. Verticals for two meters and 440MHz are on the cross-arm. A five-band HF dipole (inverted V configuration) hangs from the tower, garage and a tree. There is currently no antenna for six meters.

K9FOH moved to purchase a six meter vertical and place it at the top of the tower. WB9BRX seconded. Motion passed.

The annual weather spotters training class is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10. The state-wide drill will take place on Wednesday, March 17. The local warning sirens will be triggered twice that day, once in the afternoon and once in the evening.

AMSAT has sent us a renewal notice. WR9A moved and WB9BRX seconded that we renew the membership for another year (\$75). Motion passed.

The drawing for \$18 was won by Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD. Curtis asked that the winnings be used to extend his membership.

Meeting adjourned at 20:03.