

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting  
14 January 2003**

**Members in attendance:**

Cheryl Runkle, K9HER	Steve Parker, WR9A	Bruce Stewart, N9GKE
Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	Tom Kuespert, K9KF	Steve Van Frank, W9TN
Dave Dull, WB9BRX	Tim Gardner, N9LF	Jack Freeman, KF9CT
John Coy, KC9BPE	Tak Ryuzoji, KC9AMT	

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

The minutes of the January 2003 meeting were read and accepted with the following corrections: An extraneous "meeting adjourned" paragraph mysteriously appeared from the ether (or more likely, sloppy editing by your Secretary). Added a notice that W9YA has volunteered to relinquish the club trusteeship.

The Treasurers report shows \$162.47 in income and \$581.95 in expenses, with a balance of \$8391.68. A motion to accept passed.

N9GKE noted the passing of long time club member Jack Ott, K9AHX on February 6. The club will make a donation in his memory to the Leukemia Society.

N9GKE also mentioned the plaque that hangs in the radio room, honoring the memory of SK club members needs to be brought up to date. N9LF is working on that very issue.

The December meeting minutes were read and accepted with one change. The minutes read at that meeting were from November, not October.

**Old Business**

KC9BPE stated that we are still waiting for the Red Cross to complete the legal documents mentioned at the January meeting. The two significant documents that we are waiting for are a "hold harmless" agreement and a lease agreement. The agreements, once accepted, will allow club members to again climb the tower and provide a mechanism for TARA to cover the cost of insuring the tower.

W9TN summarized his article to be published in the Tattler that discusses the proposed by law changes. The article will appear in the February and March issues, with a vote to be held at the April business meeting. A pre-addressed and stamped proxy voting card will accompany the March Tattler. The card can be sent by return mail to cast a ballot on this important vote. Members may also vote in person at the meeting on April 8, 2003 (sorry, only one vote per person, with votes cast in person superceding any proxy vote).

At the January meeting, W9YA volunteered to collect the mail-in proxy cards. WR9A pointed out that this is one of the prescribed duties of the Secretary. Motion to address proxy cards to the Secretary passed.

N9LF asked about accepting votes via email. WB9SWD expressed some concern about the security of such a vote (too easy to “stuff the ballot box” with fraudulent votes. After some discussion, it was agreed that we will accept votes by email, but will verify such votes by telephone or personal contact if the vote tally is close enough such that email votes could alter the final outcome.

### **New Business**

KC9BPE asked about using online means to distribute the Tattler to members rather than postal mail, at the members option. WB9BRX agreed to place PDF (Adobe Acrobat) copies of the Tattler on the W9REG web page ([www.w9reg.org](http://www.w9reg.org)). He will place the most recent Tattler there as an initial experiment. A final decision will be made at a future date.

K9HER proposed changing the club license trustee, as W9YA volunteered to relinquish this responsibility at the January meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed that since W9YA was not present, no action will be taken immediately.

N9GKE has reviewed the duties of the President and proposed that the “ARC Liason Committee” be limited to the President. Much discussion followed, and it was agreed that the President should be the primary contact with the Red Cross, but that any officer wishing to attend any given ARC meeting is welcome to do so.

KC9BPE mentioned that members of the Board of the Red Cross are interested in a brief tour of the radio room and a demonstration of our communications abilities. N9GKE and KC9BPE will coordinate.

The February program meeting is scheduled to be a primer on weather net operations.

W9YA and W9TN met with WB9BRX to conduct the annual audit of the books. They report that all was found to be in good order.

The annual Storm Spotters class is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 7-9pm at the County Office building at Third and Columbia (*note the new location*).

The Feast of the Hunter’s Moon has changed the date for the 2003 event. It was previously announced that the Feast would be held at the end of October, but that has been changed to Sep 13-14, 2003.

N9GKE summarized the Field Day 2003 rule changes. A new class ("F") has been introduced for those wishing to operate from an Emergency Operations Center. Class F stations must work with EOC officials, not simply set up at or near the EOC location. This would allow TARA to conduct Field Day at the Red Cross chapter house, using the regular station antenna and equipment. Something to think about.

A bill has been introduced in the Indiana Senate that would restrict local governments from restricting antenna structures under 75 feet in height. The text of the bill is available at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2003/IN/IN0109.1.html>  
General information about the legislature is available at <http://www.state.in.us>.

KB9OQC was not present to claim the drawing for \$6 (it's a long drive from Florida).

Meeting adjourned at 21:00