

**Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting
12 November 2002**

The minutes were recorded by N9LF.

Members in attendance:

Tim Gardner, N9LF	Dave Dull, WB9BRX	Dana Hoggatt, KB9SSS
Jeff Stewart, KF9UP	Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD	John Coy, KC9BPE
Steve Parker, WR9A	Cheryl Runkle, K9HER	Mike Kantz, KB9VZD
Bob Finch, W9YA	Steve Van Frank, W9TN	Bruce Stewart, N9GKE
Greg Dean, N9NWO		

The meeting was called to order by at 19:30 by N9GKE, who lead the meeting.

There were no minutes from the October meeting, as there was no quorum and thus no official meeting.

WB9BRX gave the treasurers report, stating that we had interest income of just over five dollars and no expenses.

Old Business

None

New Business

N9GKE, W9YA and KC9BPE announced that they had met with representatives of the Red Cross Board of Directors on Monday, November 11 to discuss common issues surrounding the tower (it should be noted that KC9BPE is a member of both TARA and the Red Cross Board of Directors).

After some research, it has been determined that Red Cross (National organization - not the local chapter) requires that any tower structure must be insured and certified to comply with building codes, FCC & FAA regulations, etc. A number of open questions remain, including the exact standards and who is qualified to make such judgements. Red Cross (National) requires that the tower meet certification requirements by 31 December and annually thereafter. If the tower cannot be certified, it will have to be removed.

There are many open issues and the very lengthy discussion that followed touched on a number of these. One idea that is being considered is for the Red Cross lease the use of the tower to TARA. The lease cost would cover the cost of additional insurance. There was general agreement (but no formal motion or vote) that this approach would be acceptable to the club.

KC9BPE and the Executive Committee (of the Red Cross Board) meet again on 13 November, and John will update them on our discussions and attempt to clarify some of the open issues.

N9LF made the following motion:

The ad-hoc committee (N9GKE, KC9BPE and W9YA) be granted the authority and responsibility to continue working with the Red Cross Board of Directors and to act on behalf of the club, without a further vote of the club membership, to resolve the remaining issues.

WR9A (and others) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Further discussions ensued about various related issues.

In other new business, WB9SWD requested volunteers to recruit a new slate of candidates for office, to be presented at the December business meeting. There were no volunteers.

Family Services, Inc, sent a letter of thanks for our participation and support of their annual Family Bike Ride, which raised about \$13,000 for their organization.

KF9UP announced that the annual Christmas parade is scheduled for 8 December. Volunteers to help should contact Jeff.

We received flyers and two complimentary tickets to the Fort Wayne Hamfest (16-17 November).

We received a refund of \$7 from the ARRL insurance for overpayment of the premium.

We received a donation of \$100 from the Greater Lafayette Soap Box Derby as thanks for our support of their annual event.

Names were drawn for the hamfest tickets and the lucky winners were KF9UP and WB9BRX.

Nellie Van Sickle, K9FGX was drawn for the monthly drawing. Nellie was not present, so the prize rolls over to December.

KB9SSS moved and N9NWO seconded that the meeting be closed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 21:10.