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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next TAARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 15th, 2013, 7:30 PM at the COA Building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Coral at 6:00 PM.

Minutes

Vice-President Ron N4WYR called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting, as posted on the TAARS website, were approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Herman NO4Y stating the account amount stands at \$3,899.09 and approved.

Old Business

- The Hertford repeater is up and now has a controller.
- **Reminder:** Dues are now due.

New Business

- It was brought to our attention if TAARS purchases ten tickets to the Virginia HAMFest it would get us a free table. A motion was made to buy the ten tickets. It was seconded and passed.
- CERA meeting is scheduled for August 10th, 2013 in Plymouth
- Testing scheduled for Saturday, July 20th at COA
- We discussed possibly holding classes for licensing new HAMs
- Ron Thomas spoke on his learning experience that took place during Field Day
- Contacts made on Field Day were approximately 550

- Al Olney spoke about difficulties with the field day antennas and offered a solution of repositioning the antennas and also maybe experimenting with a loop for next year
- Ron Thomas suggested a class on how to use the logging software
- A suggestion was made to put together a check list to use before making field day contacts
- A suggestion was made to make a schedule with time slots for members to sign up for field day participation. It was suggested that we put up a white board for members who intended to be available throughout the field day event could sign up in a time slot
- Mention was made for the TAARS to have a Guest Book for visitors to sign at Field Day

Attendance

Katina Ryder, KG4SPP; Albert Ryder, KI4BQI; Joseph Wallace, K4EIT; Al Olney, K4VHV; Herman Cox, N04Y; Ron Thomas, N4WYR; Ronnie Pippen, KD4VRI; Scruff Harrison, KK4SDC; Kerry Krauss, KD4CEB; Greg Terranova, N4QLD; and Bill Chappell, KD4CAX

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Testing Session

Thanks to all who took part in the July 20th testing session. We had five candidates for testing. Results were five new Technicians.