

Indianapolis Repeater Association, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
October 23, 2017

The General Membership meeting, held at Squealer's, was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by board President Mike Palmer.

Those in attendance:

Board members: Mike Palmer, Rhonda Curtis, Bob Burns, Andy Young, Frank Hughes, Mark Burke

Other members: K.C. Corbin, Steve Curtis, Gloria Palmer, Noel W9NMM

Minutes from the July 24, 2017 general membership meeting were presented to the group for their review. Motion by Mark to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Frank. All agreed.

The treasurers report reflecting transactions through September 2017, were presented to the group. Frank made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Rhonda seconded. All agreed.

Old Business:

- 146.625 Repeater (Fusion w/ PL 88.5)
 - o MOU needs to be written between the IRA and Marion County DHS (442.500) for the co-habitation of the equipment (Mike Palmer)
- 146.700 Repeater
 - o went through some changes; fully operational at this time
- 147.120 Auto-Patch not working
 - o Tech team will address when we can get access into site
- 443.85 Low Audio
 - o Repeater was removed and is in the possession of W9BU for tech review
- N9FEB ordered new Kenwood TKR-751 Repeater to be used as a back-up machine

New Business:

- IRA is looking at replacing the 'tuning cans' (a.k.a. Cavities; Duplexers) for the 146.700
 - o Current equipment is old and possibly failing. Experiencing intermittent noise during some QSO's. Bob (W9BU) is thinking that the problems could be related to the duplexers, which could be about 30 years old. Estimated costs range between \$2,100 and \$2,700.

- Motion to allocate appropriate funds to allow Bob to purchase new cans. Motion made by Rhonda. Seconded by Frank. All agree.
- Bob asks for guidance on where to pull the funds from. Board agrees to utilize funds in the Savings accounts for this purchase, then replace the savings account funds when the next two CD's come up for renewal.
- IRA Board approved the publication of IRA members on the W9IRA website. This has been completed.
- IRA Board approved to allow the publication of IRA minutes on the W9IRA website. This has not been completed, at this time.
- IRA Board approved the following additions to the IRA Repeater Usage Guidelines.
 - While discussions such as politics or religion are not prohibited in amateur radio, we must recognize that individual opinions may not be shared by everyone. Please keep all conversations on our repeaters balanced, with controlled discussions, and open to alternative options. (Bob has updated the website, and the .PDF will be updated soon.)
- Board members whose term is expiring (January 2018)
Any person who is a paid-up member of the organization is eligible to hold office.
 - Mike Palmer
 - Andy Young
 - Rhonda Curtis
- Nominating Committee
 - Mike Palmer, Mark Burke and K.C. Corbin
- Annual Summary Statement is due at the end of the calendar year, prepared by the Treasurer.
- Need to set dues for upcoming year
 - Bob made comments to leave the annual membership donation at \$20.00. Gloria made a motion to keep the annual membership donation at \$20.00, seconded by Rhonda. All agree.
- Donation
 - Received a \$300 donation from the Monumental Marathon organization.

Open Forum:

- Tecumseh Marathon is coming up.
- Monumental Marathon is first weekend in November. Still needing one volunteer.
- Next Board meeting scheduled for November 27th at 6:30pm.

- ARES group will have a training on Fox Hunting on Saturday, October 28th, at 9am at the Salvation Army, followed by an exercise at Northwest Way Park for a walking Fox Hunt.
- SATERN meeting on November 7th at 6pm.

Motion to adjourn by Frank. Seconded by Gloria. All agreed
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Andy Young,
W9CYU