

Indianapolis Repeater Association, Inc.
Board Meeting
November 26, 2018

The board meeting, held at Georges Neighborhood Grill, was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by board president Tony Stokes

Those in attendance:

Board members: Mike Palmer, Bob Burns, Andy Young, Frank Hughes, Tony Tolbert, Rhonda Curtis, Tony Stokes

Others attending: Gloria Palmer, KC Corbin

Minutes from the September 24, 2018 board meeting were presented to the group for their review. Motion by Mike to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Tony Tolbert. All agreed.

The treasurers report reflecting transactions through November 25, 2018 were presented to the group. Mike Palmer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Frank Hughes seconded. All agreed.

Old Business:

- 146.625 Repeater
 - o The Marion County RACES group is non-functional, at this time. The amateur radio equipment is housed at Barton House. Currently, there is no Marion County RACES officer, so we would be unable to generate an MOU. At this time, this item is tabled until a RACES officer is in place.
- 146.700/443.850 Antenna's
 - o Antenna's replaced, new jumpers installed between feed line and antenna's.
 - o Antenna cabling was tested, and no issues found.
 - o Heliac was utilized for jumpers.
 - o 146.70 antenna is at 662 feet on the WTHR tower
 - o The 443.850
 - The old mounting point was not able to be utilized, so the mounting plate just below the old mount was used.
 - This antenna is about 350 feet
 - o Still discussing if the PA is necessary for each repeater
 - o Cost for antenna installation/climbers is \$3,562.
- 147.120 Repeater
 - o Info passed along to Tony S and Mike Palmer.
 - o No Update
- Update FCC & Indiana Repeater Council w/ trustee change?
 - o All done – copies of licenses have been emailed out.

New Business:

- Recent tower work & payment for invoice received
 - o Cost of \$3,562.50 payable to Tower Service & Manufacturing
 - o Bob has said that he will “front” the funds and pay for the tower work himself
 - o Bob will cash out the CD that renews on 12/2/2018
 - o Bob will work with the board to develop an agreement on full repayment of the balance of the tower work
- Wednesday evening MC ARES net and placing repeater back in ‘normal’ mode
 - o Bob noticed the repeater was still in net mode two days after the usual Wednesday night net.
 - o Members of the ARES who know the “codes” to the repeaters are not members of the IRA, or the Technical Committee, which is a stipulation that was required initially.
 - o Tony Stokes will contact the ARES group regarding this issue.
- Fundraising: Reminder to past and present members discussing repeater upgrades, and contacting current repeater users who may not be members
 - o Bob, Frank and Andy will work together to get a letter composed.
 - o Letters should be postmarked by December 15th, 2018.
 - o Email of the same letter by end of year
 - o Follow-up letter prior to annual meeting, minimum of one week prior
- December board meeting
 - o 4th Monday is December 24 – should it be changed?
 - All agreed to pay individually.
 - Meeting set for December 17th at TGI Friday’s on 86th Street.
 - Tony T will contact Friday’s to arrange
- Update on Nominating Committee
 - o Board members whose term is expiring: John Willenbrock, Tony Stokes and Frank Hughes.
 - o Mike Palmer sent an email to Wayne Michael asking if he would consider being part of the board.
 - o Noel was approached as well
 - o Frank is willing to run for office
 - o Bob has communicated with Brent Walls regarding being a board member
- Annual Summary Statement is due at the end of the year, prepared by the Treasurer
- New Life Member – WA8QFE – Lee Thompson

Open Forum

- Noel had hip replacement surgery just before Thanksgiving. Recovery going well.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mark. Seconded by Frank.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Andy Young, W9CYU