

Indianapolis Repeater Association, Inc.
Board Meeting
February 24, 2020

The board meeting was held at Jockamo's at Ft. Harrison. The meeting was called to order by board president, Mike Palmer.

Those in attendance:

Board members: Bob Burns, Noel Mortier, Mike Palmer, Wayne Michael, Rhonda Curtis, Frank Hughes

Others attending: Gloria Palmer, K.C. Corbin, Steve Curtis, John Shouse

Minutes from the September 2019 meeting were presented to the group for review. Rhonda made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bob seconded. All approved.

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The treasurer's report reflecting transactions through January 2020, were presented to the group. Noel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Frank seconded. All agreed. Frank asked what we were going to do with the CD that is maturing on 2.27.20. The decision was to let it ride.

Old Business:

- IRA Board meetings will be at 6:30pm, ordering meals at the same time.
- 146.700
 - o We will need a new amplifier which runs about \$850. This is for a Henry 10W in 100W out continuous run. Bob believes the power supply at the site will handle it. Mike proposed since we need this if we want to cash out the CD maturing on 2.27.20 to do this. It was agreed to continue discussion next meeting since we have another CD maturing then.
- 147.120
 - o Attempting to gain access to the site to reprogram controller – N9BA not at the meeting for an update
 - o MOU needs to be written for the co-habitation of the IRA equipment at the IPL facility.
- 443.850
 - o Mike stated we are running at low power to keep it running. Power amplifier needs to be reinstalled. IRA pre-amp needs a filter. W9BU has a pre-amp and filter which could be installed. We just need to get access to install these. Bob stated that he would like to eventually get a new controller to link the 443.850 and 146.700. Mike stated if we are going to do that we should probably look at a phone line to program it.

- Updates on W9BU repayment Plan for tower work
 - o Approx \$300 is still owed to Bob
 - September minutes state \$395 is still owed to Bob. Bob states the actual amount is \$355.01. This will be paid before the next meeting.
- Elections results
 - o Bob W9BU, Mark W9MGB and Wayne AC9HP were elected to the IRA Board at the January general membership meeting.
- Repeater Interference
 - o N9BA states he met w/ ARRL leadership on the W9ZEP, Michael Wagner, issue. A draft to Riley Hollingsworth needs to be done so that action can begin. Andy is happy to write the letter, but he would appreciate any dates/times/conversations that could help document his recent shenanigans, that would be helpful.
 - The challenge we have is that we will have to find recordings to prove his actions.
 - Mike proposed that we start from now and anything we hear, we document and attempt to get recordings.
 - Mike will contact Brent and see if we can find out exactly what we need to document.

New Business:

- Bob stated that March 15-21 is Indiana Severe Weather Week. There will be a tornado test drill on March 18 in the morning.

Open Forum

- Bob received a mailing for a fundraiser for Popcornopolis. One of the flavors is Unicorn Popcorn. That was our funny for the night.
- March 4 at the ROC Severe Weather Training 6pm
- March 7 at EDS Severe Weather Training 1pm
- March 14 Wabash Valley Hamfest at Brazil
- April 4 Columbus Hamfest

Motion to adjourn meeting by Frank. Seconded by Noel.
Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Curtis, WS9H
IRA Board Member