

Indianapolis Repeater Association, Inc.
Board Meeting
May 26, 2020

The board meeting was held online via WebEx. The meeting was called to order at 6pm by board president, Mike Palmer.

Those in attendance:

Board members: Mike Palmer, Brent Walls, Bob Burns, Frank Hughes, Mark Burke, Noel and Wayne Michael

Others attending:

Minutes from the February 2020 meeting were presented to the group for review. Mark Burke made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Frank Hughes seconded. All approved.

The treasurer's report reflecting transactions through May 14, 2020, were presented to the group. Brent Walls made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Frank Hughes seconded. All agreed.

Old Business:

- **146.700** Current power Amp is 30+ years old. Thoughts on replacing it. 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. Since this date has passed, let's look at other options.
- **147.120** Trying to gain site access to reprogram controller [N9BA]
 - MOU Needs to be written for the co-habitation of the IRA equipment w/ IPL
- **443.850** power amplifier needs to be reinstalled. IRA pre-amp needs a filter. W9BU has a pre-amp and filter that COULD be installed. 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.
- The IRA Financial Audit Committee found all Treasurer documents in order
- Updates on W9BU repayment Plan for tower work
 - Approx \$300 is still owed to Bob
 - Bob states the actual amount is \$355.01. As of this meeting, this is still yet to be paid to Bob.
- Repeater Interference

- Referencing W9ZEP, Michael Wagner. A Draft Letter to Riley Hollingsworth needs to be done so that any 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.
 - Should we have any confirmed complaints with firm evidence, we will be holding off on a letter to Riley Hollingsworth.
- On 4/7/2020, W9GGG, Pat emailed me (us) on someone interfering with his QSO, but I have already dealt with that.
- Also, on 4/18/2020, there were extraneous signals getting in to the 147.120, or so it is thought. No further action is needed on this as the issue has not risen again. Frank asked whether the board would like to have the 147.12 recorded in a similar fashion as we do on the 146.70. At this time, it was decided that we don't have the need to do that.

New Business:

- IRA Equipment Insurance
 - On May 7, 2020, N9FEB emailed the Board for a vote to "pay the bill". Unanimous vote to "pay".
 - On May 8, 2020, W9BU paid the insurance bill
- On May 21, 2020, N9FEB received an email from Tim [W9NES] who stated his signal was interfered with by W9ZEP. He also stated W9ZEP would "dead key" over his transmissions. No proof of W9ZEP doing this is had, so no action can be taken by the IRA.

Open Forum

- Randolph County Hamfest in August is still on the calendar.
- Indy Hamfest is cancelled due to Covid and double booking the facility.
- Ft. Wayne Hamfest is still planned for November
- Bedford Hamfest moved to November
- 500 Festival Parade is now scheduled for August
- Indy Half-Marathon event is still scheduled for October.
- MS is still on schedule
- June 22nd – Next Board Meeting (will be at 6:30pm)

- Field Day – June 27 & 28 – Indianapolis Radio Club – Being held at American Legion on Georgetown Road.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Noel. Seconded by Wayne.
Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Young, W9CYU
IRA Board Secretary