

Indianapolis Repeater Association, Inc.  
Board Meeting  
June 22, 2020

The board meeting was held online via WebEx. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by board president, Mike Palmer.

Those in attendance:

Board members: Noel, Andy, Bob, Mike, Frank, Brent, Wayne Michael, Mark

Others attending:

Minutes from the May 26, 2020 meeting were presented to the group for review. Brent made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Wayne seconded. All approved.

The treasurers report reflecting transactions through June 18, 2020, were presented to the group. Noel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Frank seconded. All agreed. Bob mentioned that at this time in 2019, we had 65 members, and currently in 2020, we have 62 members.

Old Business:

- **Carry-Over items**
  - **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.
  - **146.625** – nothing noteworthy
  - **W9BU – Tower Work** - \$355.01 still due to Bob for previous tower work.

New Business:

- Repeater Interference
  - Referencing W9ZEP, Michael Wagner. He went on a tangent on 146.52 Simplex, then continued it on the output of the 146.700 repeater – again. W9ZEP will give his call sign and even state that he “is not on the W9IRA

Repeater” as he is only talking on the output frequency.

N9BA, Brent, has contacted Riley Hollingsworth on what needs to be done. A letter with recordings is being sent to Riley to begin the Official FCC Formal Warning. Riley also recommended that the W9IRA should send an updated banishment letter to W9ZEP.

The board members present agree to send an updated letter to W9ZEP with the wording as recommended by Riley Hollingsworth. Andy will write the letter for signature by Frank, the trustee for the W9IRA repeaters. Will be sent Certified, Return Receipt requested.

- On 6/20/2020, AC9JX, John emailed N9FEB on wanting to use the 146.700 as part of his “informal net”. Discussion was heard from some members, but not all. I am not ready to “call for a vote” until I hear from more Board Members; either AYE or NAY
  - AC9JX uses two Hendricks County repeaters for his net, but some of the members of his group are not able to reach those computers, and thus hops onto the 146.700 machine to get the check-in for the other users.
  - Unfortunately, he has not contacted anyone on the board asking for permission to utilize the frequency for a net.
  - This group is not associated with RACES, ARES, Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.
  - It appears that this group is associated with the Church of Latter-Day Saints. The larger organization holds a net each Saturday on 75 meters.
  - The board decided to “tentatively” allow the group to hold their informal net on the 146.70 machine, pending further review.

#### Open Forum

- July is the General Membership Meeting (July 27). Mark B will see if we can utilize the Salvation Army EDS facility.
- Indianapolis Radio Club Field Day **\*\*Cancelled\*\***
- August 22, 500 Festival Parade
- Monumental Marathon – November 7

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mark. Seconded by Brent.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Young, W9CYU  
IRA Board Secretary