

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

The board meeting was held online via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by board president, Mike Palmer.

Those in attendance:

Board members: Mike Palmer, Andy Young, Bob Burns, Frank Hughes, Noel and Wayne Michael, Mark

Others attending: Gloria and KC

Minutes from the June 22, 2020 meeting were presented to the group for review. Frank made a motion to approve the minutes. Noel seconded. All approved.

The treasurers report reflecting transactions through August 24, 2020, were presented to the group. Noel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Frank seconded. All agreed. Will allow the CD that is maturing to roll over to a new one-year period.

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.
- **W9BU – Tower Work** - \$355.01 is still due to W9BU, Bob for past tower work.

New Business:

- Repeater Interference
  - Referencing W9ZEP, Michael Wagner. An "updated" ban letter has been sent to him, along with a copy to Riley Hollingsworth.
    - Riley Hollingsworth communicated with Mike, N9FEB as to whether we, as a Board, want the FCC to take action – N9FEB replied "YES".
- CERT would like to utilize the 147.120 Repeater for their Net on Monday's at 7:15pm when a Weather Situation calls for Skywarn to be using the 146.760. All agreed.

- New LIFE MEMBERS: KD9PDJ David McOwen, KD2KYX Adam Sandler, N2FSM Barry Evans.
- Net Use; 146.700 Sat AM's 15-min
  - o Is AC9JX John Kassebaum a member? No, John is not an IRA member
  - o John just would like to use the repeater for net purposes and has stated he would not want to utilize the repeater in the case of an emergency.
  - o The board voted to not allow this group to utilize our repeater for their net

#### Open Forum

- Mike will be out of town for the September and October meetings. Brent is aware.
- Bedford Hamfest is a GO: Nov 7
- Ft Wayne Hamfest is still a GO: Nov 14 & 15
- Shelby County hamfest in September
- Frank has updated some software regarding the 146.70 and providing the audio feed to Radio Reference.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Noel. Seconded by Frank.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Young, W9CYU  
IRA Board Secretary