

Indianapolis Repeater Association, Inc.  
Board Meeting  
6:00 PM, February 22, 2021



Meeting was held virtually via Zoom and called to order by Brent Walls, President.

Board members in attendance was John Shouse W9JS, Mike Sercer WA9FDO, Bob Burns AK9R, Wayne Michael AC9HP, Noel Mortier W9NMM, Dave Rogers KB9YYM, Matthew Bechdol W9SOX (arrived late).

Brent gave a brief welcome and discussion of how we normally do things to the new board members.

A draft of minutes for approval from the January meeting was taken by the outgoing secretary and relayed by Matthew (new secretary) via email to the group. At this time January minutes were not approved or fully reviewed.

The treasures report was presented by Bob through Feb 15 2021. Bob explained to the new folks how the reports and finances kept. Wayne motioned to accept, Noel seconded, all agreed by unanimous consent.

Additional financial questions were asked by Dave and answered by Bob satisfactorily. It was noted we currently have 60 members.

#### **Old Business:**

- One site visit last year to Barton apartments 146.625 reset
- Pending 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.
    - John noted that the current price for this is now about \$950.
  - **147.120** Trying to gain site access to reprogram controller 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.
- Bob Burns AK9R is still owed 355.01 for past tower work in late 2019.

- Life Membership Certificates – need to check to see if pending ones were mailed out. Matthew will look to see where we are.

### **New Business:**

- Membership Cards – after the autopatch was discontinued we do not have much reason to hand out membership cards. Suggestion was made to do an electronic ‘thank you’ or electronic membership card to self print. Noel motioned to accept, Dave seconded, all agreed by unanimous consent.
- PO Box Relocation – Bob currently has both keys. Mike and Wayne both volunteered to take a key. Suggestion was made to move the box to Nora. Currently paid through October at downtown location. Bob will check into ability to transfer our credit at another location. Wayne suggested checking into “informed delivery” where they take pics of mail that comes in.
- Solicitation of Common Repeater Users – should we solicit common repeater users who are not currently members. Wayne suggested to send an email before incurring postage costs. Could we change the repeater to ID occasionally with W9IRA website and info? Brent will craft verbiage for a potential email.
- Establish Standing Committees –
  - Financial Audit Committee already formed: Brent, Noel, Wayne
    - Bob will send out needed documents to the FAC
  - Technical Committee: Brent, Mike, Bob, Noel
    - Recommended general membership volunteers: Mike Palmer

### **Open Forum:**

- Mike says he wrote the MOU for the 147.120 repeater when it was put up sometime after 1992. IPL Tower it is on was put up in the 1950’s.

Noel motioned to adjourn, Wayne seconded, all agreed by unanimous consent and meeting ended after 49 minutes.

Minutes typed via a recording that did not have time stamps.

Minutes collected and submitted by Matthew Bechdol W9SOX, IRA Board Secretary

Minutes approved via email as corrected. July 18, 2021