

Indianapolis Repeater Association, Inc.  
General Membership Meeting  
April 24, 2023



Meeting was held in person at the Salvation Army EDS and initiated by Frank Hughes NF9H, President who called it to order at 7:00pm

Board members in attendance was John Shouse W9JS, David Rogers KB9YYM, Mike Scercer WA9FDO, Bob Burns AK9R, David McOwen KD9PDJ, Matthew Bechdol W9SOX, Noel Mortier W9NMM

Other IRA Members and interested hams included: Rick N9LAA and his daughter Rachel, Mike N9FEB, Lloyd KD9JPJ, John KC9CHE, Cory KC9CDA

Matthew presented the March Board Meeting minutes. Minutes approved with corrections. Bob motioned to accept; Dave R seconded with no objections.

The treasurer's report was presented by Bob and it represented finances through April 24, 2023. To date we have 63 paid and life members. Dave R motioned to accept; Matthew seconded with no objections.

#### **Old Business:**

- Review repeater work status
  - 147.120 RF deck did get swapped. Tone issues corrected as discussed in March.
  - 443.850 Tone issues was corrected via remote command. (had same issue).
  - Bob and Mike confirmed a new contact at AES.
- Financial Audit committee (Frank, John and Mike S) reviewed and approved of 2022 financials.

#### **New Business:**

- Discuss PL tone for 146.700MHz
  - Discussed past 'cons' of adding a PL for consideration.
  - Most concerns from the past are gone or minimized these days.
  - Recommended changing a repeater message to include the tone.
  - Matthew motioned to approve adding 88.5PL tone to the 146.700 repeater. Noel seconded. All approved without objections or decent.
  - Matthew will add to ARES announcements and their social media.
  - Bob believes it can be made effective June/July after a site visit.
  - Frank will check with Repeater book to update.
- Review repeater interference status –
  - Nothing new in the last month. Anything heard seems to be specific to a specific individual now. The short transmissions make it hard to track down any offenders
- Next meeting is a Board Meeting on May 22 at 7PM at Salvation Army.

## Open Forum

- Need to renew insurance (property and liability). Last year it went up significantly. This year it went up again.
  - Frank will research other insurance carriers.
  - What do other repeater groups do for insurance?
- Cory KC9CDA asks
  - About who/where old equipment could be donated?
  - Or equipment could be stored? (school for the blind shack is being torn down)
  - Also asks on behalf of a financially challenged friend needing a radio. IN Elmers were recommended
  - Matthew offered the WA9MC/N9EDS radio room for storage as needed.

Dave R motioned to adjourn, John seconded, all agreed with no objections and the meeting ended at 7:48 pm

Minutes collected and submitted by Matthew Bechdol W9SOX, IRA Board Secretary  
Minutes approved at May 22 Board meeting.