Indianapolis Repeater Association, Inc. Board Meeting June 26, 2023



Meeting was held in person at the Salvation Army EDS and initiated by Frank Hughes NF9H, President who called it to order at 7:01pm

Board members in attendance was Frank Hughes NF9H, John Shouse W9JS, David Rogers KB9YYM, Mike Scercer WA9FDO, Bob Burns AK9R, Matthew Bechdol W9SOX

Matthew did not have May minutes to present at this time.

The treasurer's report was presented by Bob and it represented finances through June 26, 2023. Dave motioned to accept; John seconded with no objections.

Old Business:

• Discussed PL tone that was approved for the 146.700 repeater. Bob has exchanged additional messages with site owners to get into the repeater location. An extra layer of approvals was required. They are scheduling a time.

New Business:

- Review repeater interference status
 - A couple members mentioned a 'new' interference on everybody, might be telemetry signal.
 - There have been a couple days where targeted hams have had heavier than normal interference. The hams have generally ignored it recently. Nobody had a chance to determine what direction the interference was coming from.
- Repeater status
 - Matthew mentioned that there is a different kind of intermixing that is happening now on the 147.120 repeater.
 - It seems that any ham using 146.520MHz simplex close enough to the repeater, when a repeater user keys up the repeater user is heard fine but when they unkey the repeater has been 'opened' and a noise continues to to transmit on the repeater for as long as the 146.520 user is transmitting. A repeater user may key up again and their signal is dominate. The noise is not heard while the repeater user is transmitting.
 - It was suggested we could temporarily change the repeater altogether with a Fusion repeater Mike Scercer has to eliminate the electronics as the point of signal mixing.
 - It was also suggested we could also swap repeater frequencies with the 146.625 repeater.
- Next meeting is a General Membership Meeting on July 24 at 7PM at Salvation Army.
 - Matthew will be out of town for work but will secure somebody opening the Salvation Army for the IRA.

• Matthew will send out an email to membership about a week ahead of the meeting.

Open Forum

• Matthew received information from our contact at the Justice Center and IMCBA (the managing entity of the building) who denied our request to put and equipment on the building.

Matthew motioned to adjourn, Mike S seconded, all agreed with no objections and the meeting ended at 7:37 pm

Minutes collected and submitted by Matthew Bechdol W9SOX, IRA Board Secretary Minutes approved at July 26 General Membership meeting with corrections in red.