

Indianapolis Repeater Association, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
January 29, 2024



Note: Meeting was postponed 1 week due to expected icy weather on January 29th

Meeting was held in person at the Salvation Army EDS and initiated by Frank Hughes NF9H, President who called it to order at 7:03pm

Board members in attendance was Frank Hughes NF9H, John Shouse W9JS, Mike Scercer WA9FDO, Bob Burns AK9R, Matthew Bechdol W9SOX, David McOwen KD9PDJ, Noel Mortier W9NMM,

Other IRA Members and interested hams included: Jim Henke KC9JPF, John Bartholomew KC9CHE, Matt Brown NE9D, Jerry Ryan K8VGL, Adam Sandler KD2KYX, Steve Schlagle N9QMK

Matthew B presented the November minutes via email in December which were approved. There was not a Board Meeting in December and no other business was handled via email.

The treasurer's report was presented by Bob and it represented finances through January 29, 2024 as well as the annual summary statement for 2023. Currently we have 47 paid up and life members. It was noted in 2023 we had an additional influx of new members in February and March due to a later mailing of the annual reminder. At the end of 2023 we had 64 paid and life members. Matthew B motioned to accept; Noel seconded with no objections.

Old Business:

- Reminder of terms expiring: Dave Rogers, Matthew Bechdol, and Mike Scercer

New Business:

- Equipment Status –
 - Dec 7 John and Mike visited the 147.120. Mikes placed his personal Yaesu DR1X in place of Kenwood repeater. The Yaesu did not correct the mixing problem. (ie: 146.520 audio on the 147.120 audio after 147.120 is keyed up). Mike believes the mixing is external (out of our control). Kenwood was put back in place. Matthew B said that from an ARES perspective (the most common user of this repeater) they will accept that we may have to ask Jimmy (or other user on 146.520) to move if they are on 146.520 and causing mixing while the repeater is in use.
 - Bob mentions we should next check 442.850 443.850 to see why its' receive is poor. It had a pre-amp but is not in line at this time. May have to find a filter in order to add the pre-amp.
 - Jim KC9JPF asks if there is any type of equipment or maintenance log. 146.7 has a local log book. It was discussed that while informal documentation exists, and an effort for more formal documentation should be made.
- Terms expiring: Dave Rogers, Matthew Bechdol, and Mike Scercer

- Noel nominates Dave R
 - Bob nominates Mike S
 - Jerry nominates Matthew B
 - No other nominations are made
 - John S motions to accept nominations as there are 3 nominees for 3 open positions, Jerry second. All approved with no objections.
- Annual summary statement from treasurer provided by Bob. Matthew B motioned to accept; John seconded with no objections.
 - Appoint financial audit committee
 - Frank (by default), John Noel
 - Appoint technical committee
 - Frank, John, Mike, Bob Noel
 - Bob asks somebody to take primary responsibility of the 146.625. Mike S volunteers. It is a fusion repeater that shares an antenna with 442.5 W9EMO repeater.
 - Next Board Meeting on February 26th at 7PM at the Salvation Army EDS

Open Forum

- Bob mentions that we need to look at insurance early this year due to raises in price.
- It was mentioned about contacting regular users of the repeater who are not paying members.
- New life member Chris KC9N – need to send a certificate. (Jim KC9JPF may not have gotten his)
- Matthew asks the membership is there anything we should be doing? You would like to do? As a group? How are we doing? Adam seconds the thought of knowledge transfer & maintenance logs mentioned earlier.

Jerry motioned to adjourn, Adam seconded, all agreed with no objections and the meeting ended at 7:54 pm

Board Meeting

The Board was called to order by Frank Hughes, President at 7:54pm immediately following the General Membership meeting in order to elect positions.

2024 Board members in attendance was Frank Hughes NF9H, John Shouse W9JS, Mike Scercer WA9FDO, Bob Burns AK9R, Matthew Bechdol W9SOX, David McOwen KD9PDJ, Noel Mortier W9NMM, Dave Rogers KB9YYM

- Current Treasurer is Bob Burns AK9R, who accepted nomination to remain.
- Current Secretary is Matthew Bechdol W9SOX , who accepted nomination to remain.
- Current Vice-President is Dave Rogers KB9YYM, who accepted nomination to remain.
- Current President is Frank Hughes NF9H, who accepted nomination to remain.

- There were not any additional nominations or candidates.
- Mike motioned that the 4 officers accepting their nominations, retain their positions without need of vote. John second. All agreed with no objections.
- Vote of confidence on repeater trustee, Frank Hughes NF9H: Bob makes a motion that Frank Hughes NF9H remain as the trustee. Noel seconded. All agreed with no objections.

Open Forum

- Matthew asked about end of year Business Entity Report with the state. Bob normally files this.
- Matthew said he would work on a message as well as a list of users who are not members to contact (reference General Meeting Open Forum item). He asked about a ham(s) who in the past asked to not be contacted. Consensus was to contact them anyhow. Dave says to wait – he will ask his wife about privacy laws etc. and then we will plan to send a standard mailing (snail mail).

Matthew motioned to adjourn, John seconded, all agreed with no objections and the meeting ended at 8:11pm

Minutes collected and submitted by Matthew Bechdol W9SOX, IRA Board Secretary
Minutes approved at February 26 Board Meeting.