

Indiana Repeater Council Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Fort Wayne Ham Fest

Nov. 16, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Bob Burns at 1:08 p.m. local time.

The meeting was presided over by Vice Chairman Bob Burns (AK9R) and Secretary / Treasurer Mike Sercer (WA9FDO). Chairman Bill Atkinson (NF9K) was away on vacation and not in attendance.

Mike (WA9FDO) read the meeting minutes from the July 28 on-line meeting. 2 call sign corrections were noted, and the meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Mike (WA9FDO) presented the treasurers report. The IRC currently has \$4802.92 as of November 16, 2024. Income for the year to date (not including dues collected at the meeting) was \$46.00. Expenditures included \$22 for the State incorporation renewal and \$159.90 for a one-year subscription to ZOOM for conducting internet meetings. Mike commented that since COVID membership renewals have dropped significantly. While we do have ample in the treasury for current expenditures, thanks to donations of data storage facilities and internet access, should we have to start paying for these services, income from dues would have to increase. Mike thanked all those who do keep their dues current and asked that all clubs and individuals please consider annual support. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Mike reminded everyone that we can accept dues via Paypal by using their "Friends and Family" feature. Send the payment to serc1mp@sbcglobal.net. Please include a note including who the dues are for. Mike will transfer the money to our bank account and credit the group or individual.

VICE CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Bob (AK9R) reported that the next IN PERSON meeting of the Repeater Council will be at the Hendricks County Hamfest, February 8, 2025. The hamfest is held at the Hendricks County fairgrounds meeting center, 1900 E Main St, Danville, IN 46122. This meeting will be the annual meeting and will include election of officers for the 2025 year.

Bob commented that our first on-line meeting went well, however member participation was very low. In the future we will may try to alternate between live meetings and on-line depending on circumstances and available facilities.

The council is behind on processing system renewal requests. Efforts will be made to clear up the backlog and members are asked to be patient.

A question from the floor asked if we de-coordinate a system upon expiration. Bob explained that we DO NOT automatically de-coordinate if a renewal is not posted. If you have renewed, do not worry as we are working on the backlog and yours will be processed and you will receive a renewal.

A question was asked about frequency availability in a certain area or town. The database search tool can be used to do a radius search of active frequencies in the area. The results will only show coordinated frequencies and not vacant frequencies. The best way is to submit a request for coordination and allow the us to view what is available and make a recommendation. It must be reminded that we may also have to get approval from neighboring states for a proposed coordination.

It was asked if we see any hope for two-meter frequencies in the future? The short answer is no. We as coordinators have no power to take a coordination away solely based on third party reports that a system cannot be heard. We do make every effort to investigate these reports and verify that some sort of system is on the air by contacting the individual listed as the license trustee.

A question was asked about the structure of the Council. Bob explained that while anyone can be a member, only system trustees have a right to vote on council business. It was pointed out that you DO NOT have to be a member to request a coordination, however membership is encouraged.

The next meeting will be at the Hendricks County Hamfest, Saturday February 8, 2025 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds Conference Center, 1900 E Main St., Danville, IN 46122. This meeting will include election of officers for the year 2025.

With no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Mike Sercer, WA9FDO
Secretary/Treasurer