

IRC Meeting Minutes
12 November 2016, Ft. Wayne Hamfest

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Burns W9BU at 15:03 local time.

The meeting was presided over by Bob (W9BU), Steve (W9SMJ) and Mark (WB9CIF).

Mark (WB9CIF) read the meeting minutes from the July 9, 2016 meeting. The meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Mark (WB9CIF) presented the treasurers report. The IRC currently has \$3,859.95 as of November 12, 2016. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Motions to accept both reports were made and seconded and passed by voice vote.

Old Business

Bob (W9BU) reported on coordination activities.
E-mailing of coordination certificates is going well.

Coordination statistics:

- 659 coordinations
 - 572 repeaters
 - 86 links and control receivers
 - 1 beacon
- New coordinations per year
 - 2014 – 16
 - 2015 – 91
 - 2016 – 52 to date
- Date of last update
 - 2012 or before – 199
 - 2013 – 39
 - 2014 – 85
 - 2015 – 148
 - 2016 – 162

Coordination update letters will be generated from the CTK database. Steve, W9SMJ will mail the letters.

The council will wait 60 days for a reply to the update request, then send a second update letter request. If there is no reply to the second request after 30 days, the repeater will be de-coordinated.

Tony, W9AMT expressed concerns about paper repeaters.

Steve, W9TN also expressed concerns about repeaters that are on the air versus repeaters that are off the air.

Steve, W9SMJ reported he has checked for non-operating repeaters.

Bob, W9BU emphasized that the Indiana Repeater Council is not an enforcement agency and has no enforcement powers.

New Business

Bob, W9BU discussed the council formulating a written coordination policy.

The written coordination policy has been assigned to Steve, W9SMJ.

Bob, W9BU described the Illinois process for issuing coordination.

Steve, W9TN suggested the IRC use the Illinois coordination process.

Bob, W9BU informed those in attendance that anyone looking for a possible repeater pair should first look at the IRC website for availability.

Bob, W9BU reported on the Milwaukee meeting of state coordinators.

Bob, W9BU described the Wisconsin coordination update policy.

Tony, W9AMT pointed out the Ohio repeater council policy is quite detailed.

Steve, W9TN pointed out the Illinois council has a multi-level construction status for new repeaters.

Bob, W9BU informed those in attendance that live database updates to the website may be possible in the future.

Bob, W9BU discussed the fact that coordination of repeater pairs is by separation only.

Repeaters coordinated on the same pair must be separated by 100 to 120 miles.

Bob, W9BU described the Wisconsin modeling approach that looks at the RF pattern of the repeater requesting coordination and compares it to the RF patterns of existing repeaters on the same frequency pair.

Bob, W9BU reported the Illinois council will probably go to the model approach and suggested the IRC should consider the model approach as well.

Bob, W9BU reported CTK could output a file to be used by the model.

Mike, WA9FDO reported there are software packages that could analyze RF patterns based on fixed, mobile and HT transmitters and also take into account tone.

Greg, N9NWO suggested the IRC vote on the written coordination policy at the July meeting.

Bob, W9BU discussed the process of providing the ARRL the IRC database for inclusion in the ARRL repeater directory.

Bob, W9BU reported the ARRL has changed their process and data reporting format over the past two years and has now employed a contractor, RFinder to publish the ARRL Repeater Directory.

Bob, W9BU reported he had a discussion with ARRL Central Division Director Kermit Carlson, W9XA about the reporting change. Nothing conclusive came out of the discussion.

Larry, KC9TDZ made a motion the IRC continue reporting the IRC database as it has always done.

Tony, W9AMT, seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Adjournment at 16:03 happened by motion to adjourn with no opposition.

Mark Musick, WB9CIF
Secretary/Treasurer