

**Indiana Repeater Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2017  
Fort Wayne Ham Fest**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Burns, W9BU at 1504 local time.

The meeting was presided over by Chairman Bob Burns, W9BU  
Vice Chairman Steve Jones, W9SMJ  
Secretary/Treasurer Mike Sercer, WA9FDO

There were 12 members and 5 nonmembers present. We received 2 new members at the meeting.

Mike Sercer read the minutes of the July 8, 2017 meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Mike Sercer presented the treasurers report. The IRC currently has \$3861.24 as of November 17, 2017. Total income for the year to date was \$176.00. Total expenses for the year to date were \$174.71. The report was accepted as read.

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

The Vice Chairman, Steve Jones, and our Webmaster, Bill Atkinson, had no business items to report.

**COORDINATION ACTIVITIES REPORT (Bob Burns)**

609 Active coordination's  
533 Repeaters  
75 Link & control stations  
1 beacon

New coordination's for 2017 to date = 18

De-coordination's for 2017 to date = 13

System updates for 2017 to date = 239. An increase of 39% over 2016.

Bob gave an update on the SERA on-line software system. SERA has been going through some personnel changes and Bob felt it best to let their new officers get settled. They do have a means where system trustees update their systems on-line. Any changes are then forwarded to that State's coordinator for approval

before being added to the database. Bob does plan to pursue further conversation with SERA.

Bob introduced Mr. Robert Greenburg, W2CYK of RFinder Inc. RFinder has been contracted by the ARRL to gather the data for the ARRL Repeater Directory. Mr. Greenburg gave an overview of RFinder and their repeater database that covers systems worldwide. RFinder does provide financial reimbursement to it's organizations and also to the ARRL. RFinder is the largest provider of DMR data worldwide. Bob Burns asked about their support of Brandmeister systems. RFinder fully supports these systems and works closely with the Brandmeister development team. Bob then asked about "Crowd Sourced" data and accuracy. Mr. Greenburg explained that they would dump all existing data for Indiana (except DMR systems) and replace it with our data. We would then be the only one to have access to editing the data. They are currently putting together an offer to the IRC to provide reimbursement for our data (similar to what the ARRL provided.) They should have an offer to us by the spring of 2018.

Bob Burns then presented the draft of the Coordination Policy for review and questions. The Draft has been available to the membership for review on the IRC website since the July 2017 meeting. There were several minor changes in version 0.2. The changes involved wording in the definition of Frequency Coordinator and adding section 4.1.5 which involved de-coordination of a system after no data updates for 5 years. Some discussion about how to know what the date of the last update was. It is available on the website as part of the system data.

A motion was made by WB9CIF to approve version 0.2 of the policy. It was seconded and approved by voice vote. The policy will be relabeled as Version 1.0 and placed on the website as such. Bob thanked all for helping out on establishing a written policy for the organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:35.

Mike Sercer, WA9FDO  
Secretary / Treasurer