

**IRC Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2018 Meeting
at the Fort Wayne Hamfest**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Burns W9BU at 1503 local time.

The meeting was presided over by Bob (W9BU) and Mike Sercer, WA9FDO, Secretary / Treasurer). Bill Atkinson, NF9K was absent at the meeting.

Mike read the meeting minutes from the July 14 meeting at the Indianapolis Ham fest. The meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Mike presented the treasurers report. The IRC currently has \$4107.24 in the treasury as of November 16, 2018. Expenses to date are \$46 for incorporation filing and \$10 for postage stamps. The only anticipated expenditure before the end of the year will be \$76 for renewal of the post office box. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

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

There was no report from Bill Atkinson.

Coordination statistics (as of July 14, 2018):

- a. 621 "active" coordination's
- b. New coordination's per year: 2016 = 55, 2017 = 17, 2018 to date = 18
- c. De-coordination's per year: 2016 = 8, 2017 = 25, 2018 to date = 6

OLD BUISNESS:

At the July meeting Bill Akin, K9YDO, had asked for a .pdf copy of the directory be placed on the website for download. Bob apologized for not getting this done. He stated that He will provide the requested copy shortly.

Bill Atkinson has contacted Steve Jones and will handle the incorporation filing with the State when it is due next spring.

Efforts continue to evaluate the New England Spectrum Management Council (NESMC) coordination software. A Beta test version is being tested with the IRC data and some shortcomings have been identified. Our existing software will provide available frequencies based on Lat – Long data, the NESMC software will not. Our present software will identify possible conflicts with requests from neighboring states, the NESMC system does not provide this. The NESMC answer to these issues is to put the data into the RadioMobile Software and use it to provide these features. Bob is not satisfied with this solution. He will continue to talk with NESMC regarding the use of RadioMobile as this software is very powerful and will do coordination's based of system parameters and not just distance. Our neighboring coordinators have indicated a desire to also use RadioMobile as a coordinating tool.

Our present software package, CTK, provides all of the features we routinely need, however, the program originator has notified us that He will no longer support the software. This is the reason we have been searching for a replacement.

Bob stated he may contact SERA again and see if they are still willing to allow us to further explore their software.

A question was asked if a check box could be added to signal that there were no changes to a coordination at the time of renewal. This would eliminate the need to re-enter all of the data for a simple renewal of the coordination. Bob explained that to do this the on line form would need access to the database. Currently this is not possible. The NESMC system does offer this feature through protected log in's by system trustees.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no new business items brought to the table.

The meeting was adjourned at 1516 hours.

Mike Sercer, WA9FDO
Secretary / Treasurer