

**IRC Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2021 at the Ft. Wayne Hamfest**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Burns, AK9R at 14:32 local time.

The meeting was presided over by Bob (AK9R), Mike Sercer (WA9FDO), and Bill Atkinson (NF9K)

Mike (WA9FDO) read the meeting minutes from the July 10, 2021 meeting. The meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Mike (WA9FDO) presented the treasurers report. The IRC currently has \$4389.85 as of July 9, 2021. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

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

**Coordination Activities:**

Bob reported that coordination activities have been very light. There are 2 ongoing requests for 2 meter channels; one in Hamilton county and another in for Crown Point. \$47.15 did come available in the central Indiana area, however it could not be used in Hamilton county due to short spacing with a system in Terre Haute. Efforts continue to satisfy these requests.

**Old Business:**

At the July meeting Bill Atkinson was asked to provide information regarding moving the coordination database and software to an outside cloud provider. Currently there 3 computer servers providing the needs of the Council. They are the FlexWeb software server, which would cost about \$6 per month. The Signal server software which generates coverage plots and is very processor intensive. To move it to the cloud would run about \$40 per month. The third is the website which would run about \$5 per month. Bill discussed various options and suggested that we could move FlexWeb to the cloud, which would give us some security and reliability. Since the Signal Server software is lightly used and the website is already covered under Bill's subscription, He suggested that these two items remain on his systems for the time being.

Some discussion of costs were held. Currently we take in about \$120 each year and the P.O. box costs \$106 per year. To move the FlexWeb system to the cloud would cost about \$72 per year. This would start to deplete our treasury. The officers will continue to investigate the issue and have a recommendation at the meeting next year.

Bob presented a short demonstration of our website database search features. Currently, it is not possible to generate PDF files of searches for use outside of the website. Bob and Bill are investigating a way to provide this.

Bob also discussed the issue of updating coordination's where there are no changes. The new software does provide a button on the renewal form to click if there are no changes and then click the submit button.

The subject of meeting locations was brought up. Bob explained that we traditionally held 2 meetings per year. Currently they are at the Indianapolis and Fort Wayne hamfests. Hamfests have been the preferred venues since there are no costs for facilities and it offers a convenient way for hams to attend the meetings.

With no further questions from attendees, the meeting was adjourned at 15:08 local time.

Submitted by,

Mike Sercer, WA9FDO  
Secretary / Treasurer