

**IRC Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2019 Meeting
at the Ft. Wayne Hamfest**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Burns, W9BU, at 1110 local time.

There were 14 members, 10 nonmembers.

The meeting was presided over by Bob, W9BU, Bill Atkinson, NF9K, Vice Chairman, and Mike Sercer, WA9FDO, Secretary / Treasurer.

Mike read the meeting minutes from the July 13th meeting at the Indianapolis Ham fest. The meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Mike presented the treasurers report. The IRC currently has \$4267.24 in the treasury as of November 15, 2019. Expenses to date were \$82 in December, 2018 for 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.

Coordination statistics (as of November 16, 2019):

599 active coordination's
16 new coordination's YTD
91 updates processed YTD
12 de-coordination's YTD

Bill Atkinson presented the Vice Chairman's report.

Bill reported that the State Incorporation filing has been updated with the current officers. The website has been updated with hotspot information and is available to users. Bob commented that Steve Jones is still listed on the Secretary of State website. Bill will contact them and get him removed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There has been no further movement by the surrounding state coordinators on adding new 2 meter repeater frequencies from the packet spectrum allocation in that band. There is currently about 6 requests for 2 meter pairs that cannot be fulfilled. Discussion among all parties continues, but it will not be adopted any time soon.

Plans are to adopt the new coordination software used by the New England Spectrum Management Council. Bob continues to work with the New England folks to address several concerns regarding how special cases are handled.

Coverage profile estimates used for coordination continues to be a hot topic among area coordinators. Illinois is working to implement it as well as Michigan and Wisconsin. Originally, the Radio Mobile software was

considered, however, we are now looking at Signal Server, a Linux open source based system that produces a file that can be overlaid on a Google Earth map. Bill Atkinson is in the process of installing it on his Linux server for evaluation. The software is very processor intensive and requires about 5 minutes to calculate a coverage. Over time it is hoped to do coverages for all coordinated systems and have them available for download by system operators.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Repeater Council's treasury is quite healthy and our ongoing expenses are somewhat minimal and include the Post Office box and Indiana required filling fees. With this in mind, Bob opened the floor up to comments on what might be done. There was a question about any cost for the new software. All of the software being implemented is open source and free to use.

Bill Atkinson commented that currently all of the existing software is running on servers in his garage and while all data is backed up off site, it might be in our best interest to consider eventually moving to a "Cloud" based system. This would easily facilitate handing coordination off to future officers. To do this would incur ongoing charges that would have to be considered. Bill will investigate what costs might be involved to do this. A request was made to have some preliminary cost estimates by the July 2020 meeting. Bill agreed to do this.

The meeting was adjourned at 1145 local time.

Mike Sercher, WA9FDO
Secretary / Treasurer