

**IRC Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2023, at the Fort Wayne Ham Fest**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Atkinson, NF9K at 12:06 a.m. local time.

The meeting was presided over by Bill, NF9K, Bob Burns, AK9R, and Mike Sercer WA9FDO.

Mike (WA9FDO) read the meeting minutes from the November 19, 2022 meeting. There was a question and discussion regarding the need of a P.O. box. The meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Mike (WA9FDO) presented the treasurers report. The IRC currently has \$4816.85 as of November 17, 2023. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Currently, the IRC has 46 paid up members.

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

Coordination Activities

526 repeaters

3 control links

60 links

589 total coordinations

8 new coordinations

159 renewals

Chairman's Report:

A short discussion regarding the elimination of the P.O. box resulted in a motion from the floor to drop the P.O. box and use the home address of our Secretary / Treasurer, Mike Sercer. The motion carried. Our new mailing address will be: Indiana Repeater Council Inc., 8575 N. County Rd. 650 E., Brownsburg, In. 46112-9298.

There is still a need for a second meeting as required in the by-laws. Bob Burns reported that of all the ham fests held in the State, only Peru, Bedford, and Elkhart had facilities to host a meeting. An on-line meeting was also considered. It would offer everyone the opportunity to attend, however other means of dues collection would have to be considered. After much discussion it was moved and seconded to host an on-line meeting through Zoom at mid-year. This will give us the opportunity to explore locations for an in-person meeting in either the central or southern part of the State. Fort Wayne will remain as the northern meeting.

Progress is being made to scan all of the organizations documents and get them into an electronic format so they can be easily edited. Bill is working with Mark Musick, WB9CIF on this effort.

We have brought 2 new volunteer coordinators on board. Patrick McDonnell, W3AXL and Paul Thieme, N9PCT will be assisting with coordination duties. Both have a professional background in RF system engineering.

Bill will continue to host our data needs and the website. We will continue to explore cost effective solutions for moving these needs to commercial providers.

From the floor, a question was asked regarding the overall availability of frequencies in the VHF & UHF bands. Bob Burns stated that 2 meters is virtually full across the state. 70 cm varies depending on the area. Through the central part of the State is pretty well packed, however there are channels available in other parts of the state except in the far Northwest corner near Chicago. The question was asked about coordinating a portable repeater for emergency use. There are 2 UHF channels set aside for this use. They are listed in the software on the website and do not require coordination. There are no 2 meter channels available for this use.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

There were no nominations submitted prior to the meeting. The existing officers were each nominated from the floor and each agreed to continuing. Each position was voted on and all passed by a show of hands vote.

Adjournment at 12:53 p.m. happened by motion with no opposition and the meeting was closed.

Submitted by:

Michael Sercer, WA9FDO
Secretary/Treasurer