

IRC Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2022 at the Fort Wayne, Indiana Hamfest

The meeting was called to order by outgoing Chairman Bob Burns AK9R at 1:15 p.m. local time.

As the result of the annual election of officers, the meeting was handed over to Bill Atkinson the newly elected Chairman.

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

Mike (WA9FDO) read the meeting minutes from the November 13, 2021 meeting. The meeting minutes were accepted and approved as read.

Mike (WA9FDO) presented the treasurers report. The IRC currently has \$4760.85 as of November 18, 2022. It was noted that there were several large renewals for multiple years. This reflected in somewhat higher proceeds for the year. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

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

Election Results:

Bill turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Bob who discussed the recent election process and the results. This year we conducted the election online as there was no meeting at the Indianapolis Hamfest this year. This time, we used "Mailchimp" to alert all trustees that in order to vote they must be current on dues. A nominating committee was selected and the result was 2 nominees for Chairman, 3 nominees for Vice Chairman and one for Secretary / Treasurer. A second mailing to all current members was sent using a voting feature in Mailchimp. After the fact we found that there is not as much security in their process as there should be. This caused a problem with multiple votes being cast by several individuals. The by-laws state that only 1 vote per group or individual is permitted. After the multiple votes were removed, the winners were:

Chairman: Bill Atkinson, NF9K

Vice Chairman: Bob Burns, AK9R

Secretary / Treasurer: Mike Sercer, WA9FDO

For future elections the on-line approach makes much sense as it affords all members the opportunity to vote. Additionally, it is becoming difficult to have 2 meetings a year with the loss of ham fests with meeting facilities. Both issues will be addressed by the board during the coming year.

New Business:

Bill will take on the job of getting the Constitution and By-Laws converted into a digital form that can be easily edited. This will make it easy to distribute copies, make changes, and publish

results. Mark Musick, WB9CIF was asked to help with any research and suggest changes that need to be made. Currently we are operating under By-Laws approved in 1978.

The Council is in need of volunteer coordinators for the various bands. This will help remove some of the workload from the Chairman and give others experience with the operation of the council. Bill has developed a document that outlines the steps taken in issuing a coordination. If you have an interest in helping, please contact one of the board members through the website.

Efforts continue to setup an on-line payment of dues. Paypal seems to be the service many members use to make on-line payments. Their rates are not too excessive for non-profits. The Treasurer will take on this project for the coming year.

Due to costs, Bill has agreed to continue to provide the computer server facilities for the council for the immediate future. He will continue to explore cost effective alternatives. Currently, the coordination database is backed up at 2 separate locations.

With no questions from the floor, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mike Sercer, WA9FDO
Secretary / Treasurer