

**IRC Meeting Minutes**  
July 28, 2024 at 1 p.m. via ZOOM on-line meeting

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Atkinson at 1:05 p.m. local time.

The meeting was presided over by Bill (NF9K), Vice Chairman Bob Burns (AK9R) and Secretary / Treasurer Mike Sercer (WA9FDO).

Mike (WA9FDO) read the meeting minutes from the November 18, 2023 meeting. The meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Mike (WA9FDO) presented the treasurers report. The IRC currently has \$4962.85 as of July 28, 2024. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Motions to accept both reports were made and seconded and passed by electronic show of hands vote.

Mike (WA9FDO) reported the council's incorporation was renewed on April 29<sup>th</sup>. He has taken over the renewal process with the State at a cost savings of about \$30 over using the previous Accounting firm. Mike has established himself as the registered Agent with the Indiana Secretary of State.

**CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

Bill reports that Patrick McDonnell (W3AXL) is fully up to speed and is now handling coordination's for the Council.

Due to the loss of a suitable location to hold our summer meeting, we have purchased a 1 year subscription to ZOOM on-line meeting service. It will be used both for the summer general membership meeting and for internal staff meetings.

Mark Musick (WB9CIF) agreed to assist with scanning of Council documents. Bill will check with Mark on the progress and report at the November meeting.

Efforts continue to move the hosting of the Council electronic data to a commercial cloud service, however, costs to do this are prohibitive at this time due to a low level of recurring memberships. Bill will continue to host the systems on his personal servers. Our E-mail service from Flexweb has been restored after problems with emails being rejected by several other email services. Those issues have been resolved and members should begin to see emails from the Council again.

In an effort to improve communication to members submitting requests or questions, we have installed an automated "Help Desk" system to log and track these activities. When a coordination request, change or question is submitted, a ticket and ticket number will be generated and the item will be assigned to the appropriate staff. The submitter will receive a link to the ticket where you can see who it was assigned to and progress of the item can be viewed.

## **COORDINATION STATISTICS:**

Bob (AK9R) reported on coordination activities.

586 active coordination's

520 repeaters

66 links and control receivers

33 New requests

Overall Activity for 2024 so far 148 renewals and new coordination's.

Bob commented that it has become very difficult to coordinate UHF requests in the South East quadrant of the state due to proximity of Indianapolis, Dayton, Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio and Louisville, Kentucky. Those in that area may have to wait for a frequency to open up. Additionally, there continues to be no available frequencies in the 2 meter band throughout the State. Efforts continue to investigate and reclaim coordinated frequencies that are not being used.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mike (WA9FDO) commented that club dues can be sent to him via PayPal "Friends and Family" at his email address [**serc1mp@sbcglobal.net**]. The IRC bank account has been added to transfer the funds directly into it. If you use this option PLEASE include your name and call as well as the name of a group it is for.

There was a question from the floor regarding how long a repeater can be off the air. The Council needs to be notified if someone suspects that a repeater is inactive or has been permanently taken off air. The council will take steps to contact the trustee regarding the system's status and if necessary de-coordinate the system and reclaim the frequencies.

With no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Mike Sercer, WA9FDO  
Secretary/Treasurer