



Indiana County Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes for the meeting on November 5, 2013

President – ???

Vice President – Craig Bigler KB3LBU

Secretary/Treasurer - Terry Carnahan KB3JOD

Board Members for 2013:

1. Terry Carnahan KB3JOD
2. Larry Freeman N3LT
3. Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD
4. Carl Hvozda N3PIE
5. Elmer Sorisio KB3WG
6. Craig Bigler KB3LBU
7. ???

Terry KB3JOD called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm local time.
Craig KB3LBU took over the meeting at 7:45.

Approval of meeting minutes for October 8, 2013:

Marcia KD4ITP Moved to accept the minutes as posted.

Larry N3LT Seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on and passed.

Financial Report:

Terry KB3JOD

Opening balance For October 2012 was ANNOUNCED

Electric Bill (for August) -\$37.00

50/50 drawing (for September) +\$18.00

Tower Supplies (for antenna installation) -\$462.76

Closing balance for October is ANNOUNCED

Doug K3LAB made a motion to accept the financial report

Larry N3LT seconded the motion

The motion to accept the financial report was passed

Monday Night Net update: (146.91MHz – 20:00)

If you are interested in being a Net Control Station, please contact the Net Coordinator Roger N3ULC.

Monday Nite NBEMS Practice: (146.91MHz – 20:30)

The NBEMS (Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System) will be held beginning at 8:30pm, after the Monday nite net. Everyone is welcome to join in. We usually start with voice and then pass messages back and forth to each other. It's a great way to tune up your Fldigi and to gain experience in case there is an emergency. Don't wait until the last minute to figure out how to use Fldigi.

Information:

Rusty WB3EUQ – contact information

Rusty is at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home, a Pennsylvania state facility just south of Altoona. Please note that he is not in the Altoona VA Hospital.

He is in Eisenhower Hall and it's nursing care. The phone number for his room is **(814) 695-1635**. You may call at anytime. He does have a cell phone. For his cell phone **(724) 388-1202**.

Rusty's mailing address is :

David O'Donnell *(David is his actual name)*
P.O. Box 319
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

When you go: when you come to Eisenhower Hall (the large building with the WWII tank in front of it, as you first come onto the grounds) You will need to sign in at the Security desk – they will direct you to his unit, North 2. The security guards have room charts and know the residents.

Larry N3LT would like to get a group together to go an visit Rusty. Maybe some Saturday after breakfast.

VE Testing:

The dates are listed on the ARRL web site.

Facebook page:

ICARC has a facebook page now. Search for Indiana County Amateur Radio Club on facebook and click on the Like button and or leave a comment. Facebook page address - <https://www.facebook.com/w3bmd>

Business:

S.E.T (Simulated Emergency Test):

When: Saturday October 5, 9am to 12 noon.

The SET was not held in Indiana Co.

Officer nominations:

Larry N3LT said that what some clubs are doing is having inactive officers on paper to satisfy the ARRL requirements for being a recognized as a club. This may be an option which we may need to explore in the future if we have trouble getting active officers.

President: Craig Bigler KB3LBU (nominated by Larry N3LT)

V. President: Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB (nominated by Elmer KB3WG)

Secretary / Treasurer: Terry Carnahan KB3JOD (recumbent)

Board Member: Phil Kopczyk K3PJ (volunteered)

Bill N3QM moved to close the nominations.

Larry N3LT seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and passed.

Repeater Antenna Update:

Craig KB3LBU climbed the tower and installed the re-tuned Station Master antenna and the new Diamond antenna. He also moved the existing Diamond antenna to another spot on the tower.

The 146.91 repeater is now fully functional (except that it still needs a new exciter), the 444.975 is also functional with a pl tone of 110.9. The packet node is also operational on 145.030.

Thanks goes out to Craig KB3LBU for climbing the tower and to Elmer KB3WG for coordinating the work and obtaining the necessary hardware for the antenna installations. We also need to thank the ground crew who assisted in the installations. Least we not forget to thank Elmer KB3WG and Larry N3LT for the hours of work they did on re-tuning the Station Master antenna.

Repeater Update:

Up to \$125 has been pre-authorize for the repair of the repeater

Elmer KB3WG gave up on finding a GE exciter and hooked up a mobile rig to drive the amplifier.

Fund Raisers:

Carl scheduled Saturday December 7th at the Indiana Hoss's to be our Christmas fund raiser. We will gather at 6pm in the Front Room.

Please see Carl N3PIE for the Hoss's ticket. You may use the ticket any time on Dec. 7th for the club to get credited for your purchases. If you would like, the club will gather as a group around 6pm in the front room of Hoss's for our Christmas party. Our club will receive 20% of your purchase for our fund raiser.

Email from the Somerset County Radio Club

Roger N3ULC receive an Email from the Somerset County radio club and the Somerset County Races ACS Officer. He is asking if our club still has the W3BMD packet radio system on the air. They used to be able to see it through their node on Mt. Davis and on their local BBS. They were contacted by Pete Carr WW3O from Ridgeway, PA asking if they could enhance our packet system so as to establish a link with their equipment. Pete explained that they would like to establish a packet radio and packet radio emergency communication from New York through Maryland and anywhere else who is willing to join the effort.

The W3BMD packet has been down since we had antenna trouble this spring. Elmer KB3WG said that since we installed the new antennas all he has to do is hook an antenna to it and turn it on. It will be on 145.030MHz.

PA QSO Party October 12th and 13th: at the repeater site

The club's participation in the PA QSO party was cancelled due to various reasons and conflict of interest.

Red Cross Functional Needs Shelter Drill: November 15th at 3pm to noon on the 16th (Friday to Saturday)

The Red Cross 'Postponed' the shelter drill because they did not have enough qualified staff for the drill. No make up date is available.

The members made introductions to Dave KA3KFA and welcomed him to the club.

Phil K3PJ gave a demonstration with his HSMM-Mesh. For more information visit www.HSMM-Mesh.org.

Programs / Presentations During 2013:

January presentation – none

February presentation – Robert KB3JOF – Ham Radio Apps

March's presentation – Phil K3PJ – Knots you ought not forget

April's presentation – Terry KB3JOD and Phil K3PJ – digital interfaces

May's presentation – open

June's presentation – Phil K3PJ gave a short presentation on ticks and there removal

July's presentation – G. Lehman, from the Indiana Red Cross

August presentation – Mr. Kirsch, the IASD superintendent speaking on the ARISS event

September presentation - ~~Gary Miller the Burrell township's EC~~

October presentation – open

November presentation – Phil K3PJ – HSMM-Mesh (High Speed Multi-Media-Mesh)

December presentation – open

If anyone would like to give a presentation during a club meeting, please contact any of the club officers.

November Birthdays:

Dennis Whitson	KB3LBQ	11/24
Eric Hvozda	N3YMY	11/26

(if your birthday is not listed here and you would not mind it being posted, please send your birthday (month / day the year is not necessary, I will not post the year) to carahanterry@gmail.com.)

50/50:

Bill N3QM won the 50/50 drawing. A total of \$20.00 was collected.

Elmer KB3WG moved to adjourn the meeting.
Phil K3PJ seconded the motion.
The motion was voted on and passed.

The meeting was closed at 8:50 local time.

Meeting Attendance:

- (X) Roger Bartlebaugh – N3ULC
- (X) Christine Bartlebaugh - KB3QJZ
- (X) Craig Bigler – KB3LBU (*Vice President*)
- (X) Ron Carnahan – KB3JOE
- (X) Terry Carnahan – KB3JOD (*secretary/Treasure*)
- (X) Joe Carpentieri KA2BRH
- (X) David Dzelsky – N3DZ
- (X) Doug Fitzsimmons – K3LAB
- (X) Larry Freeman – N3LT (*Board member*)
- (X) Carl Hvozda – N3PIE (*Board member*)
- (X) Phil Kopczyk – K3PJ
- (X) Marcia Malcolm – KD4ITP
- (X) Bill McMillen – N3QM
- (X) Elmer Sorisio – KB3WG (*Board member and Repeater Trustee*)
- (X) Dave Steiner – KA3KFA