

# Indiana County Amateur Radio Club

## Meeting Minutes for the meeting on September 3, 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. ???

Craig KB3LBU called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm local time.

### **Approval of meeting minutes for August 6, 2013:**

Larry N3LT Moved to accept the minutes as posted.

Doug K3LAB seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on and passed.

### **Financial Report:**

Terry KB3JOD

Opening balance For August 2012 was *ANNOUNCED*

Electric Bill (for August) -\$34.00

50/50 drawing (for August) +\$14.00

Hoss's Fund raiser +\$60.41

New battery for the fox -\$23.45

Field Day Porta-John -\$68.90

Dues +20

Closing balance for August is *ANNOUNCED*

Fred KM3M 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 Night NBEMS Practice: (146.91MHz – 20:30)**

The Monday Night NBEMS practice net will be postponed until this fall. If anyone is interested in a NBEMS session, please let me know (KB3JOD (724) 388-3826) and a session can be arranged.

**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 its nursing care. The phone number for his room is **(814) 695-1635**. You may call at anytime. He does have a cell phone. The number for his cell phone is: **(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.

**VE Testing:**

The next VE test will be October 5<sup>th</sup> would like to have 3 candidates for the VE test. If you are interested in testing, please contact Bill McMillen N3QM. The date is also listed on the ARRL web site.

**Ham in a Day Classes:**

Cambria Radio Club will be hosting their 'Ham in a Day' event in September 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes start at 8am until 4pm. Exam 4pm to 5pm. Lunch will be provided. Walk in tests will be held at 2pm. All testing is free. For more information contact Scott Zimmerman – N3XCC, [VETeam@CambriaRadio.com](mailto:VETeam@CambriaRadio.com), 814-444-9460.

**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.

[www.facebook.com/w3bmd](https://www.facebook.com/w3bmd) *(From N3ulc)*

**Business:****Repeater Antenna Update:**

The Station Master antenna has been retuned and is ready to be installed up the tower. Phil K3PJ said that he would contact Jim Knox about a climber.

Bill N3QM made a motion to pre-approve up to \$500 to pay a climber.

Larry N3LT seconded the motion

The motion was voted on and passed.

**Repeater Update:**

The .91 repeater still needs a new exciter for the finals, because of the broadband noise.

Fred KM3M moved to pre-authorize \$125 for the repair

Larry N3LT seconded the motion

The motion was voted on and passed.

The grass needs mowed around the repeater before the PA QSO party in October. It was decided that after the next breakfast (Sat. 9/7) would be a good time to mow the grass. A work party needs to be organized for late fall/early winter to cut brush away from the guy wires.

Alton N3PHL has been offered a 100 foot tower at no charge and asked if the club was interested. The tower is self supporting, but guy cables were also offered if needed. It would have to be taken down from its current location. It is not lying on the ground.

Fred KM3M moved to give to have Alton N3PHL thank the gentleman who for the offer but to decline due to a lack of a location to put the tower.

Larry N3LT seconded the motion

The motion was voted on and passed and several members stated that they would help Alton install the tower on his property.

#### **Fund Raisers:**

We barely made the minimum purchases. All total we made \$60.41 for the August 17<sup>th</sup> fund raiser at Hoss's. Carl N3PIE mentioned that this month Hoss's will be celebrating their 30 anniversary and are offering hamburgers for only \$0.30 with every salad bar order. Seniors also get a 15% discount from 11 to 4. Carl N3PIE will start arranging for the Holiday party at Hoss's. The club gave Carl thanks for all of his hard work in arranging the fund raisers.

#### **Wiener Night:**

The weekly 'wiener night' is another reason the grass needs cut. Phil K3PJ said that a second crop of corn is almost ready. There is also the possibility that an alternate site be used (such as Bruno's etc.) due to weather and such.

#### **Fox Hunt update:**

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am (note that on 9/19 the fox hunt was postponed until 9/28) Greg N3PHF will hide the fox. (Fox frequency is 145.80)

Dave N3DZ made a motion to move the date from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of September

Doug K3LAB seconded the motion

The motion was voted on and passed.

#### **PA QSO Party October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>:**

Fred KM3M mentioned that he will be at the repeater site the Thursday before with his bow to shoot lines over the trees to install our wire antennas.

There is still interest in participating as a club event (Larry N3LT, Doug K3LAB, Craig KB3LBU, Terry KB3JOD). Further discussions were tabled until next meeting.

#### **Red Cross Functional Needs Shelter Drill:**

When: November 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm to noon on the 16<sup>th</sup> (Friday to Saturday)

The Meeting is at the Red Cross office in Indiana Sept. 3 at 10am. The functional needs shelter drill is for physically and mentally challenged people. The Red Cross is trying to get approximately 30 functional need participants to stay at the shelter during the drill. The shelter will be at the Church of the Nazarene in Homer City. The church is located close to the 119 and 56 intersection. The Red Cross is planning 3 shifts of 7 hours each, so that the workers and shelter occupants will not have to be there for the full 21 hour drill.

There will be a need to have 2 radio stations set up and manned for the full 21 hour drill. The 1<sup>st</sup> station is at the Church of the Nazarene and the other station is at the Red Cross office on Kolter Drive. There will be no need for any regional communications, since this is only a local drill. We will need volunteers to man the each of the stations for all 3 shifts. We will need 2 operators per station for each of the 3 shifts.

There is a dual band (2m / 440) antenna mounted on the Red Cross building. But, there is no antenna at the Church of the Nazarene so we will have to put our own up. We are currently planning on doing voice on 2m, hopefully on simplex so we don't tie up the repeater and digital on the 440 band. Frequencies will be decided upon at a later time. This may also be a good time to play around with some NVIS antennas for HF!

**If you would like to volunteer and help out with this drill please contact:**

- Terry KB3JOD (724-388-3826 or [carnahanterry@gmail.com](mailto:carnahanterry@gmail.com)).

**ARISS:**

Fred KM3M mentioned that there are some options:

- Option 1 being a full fledge direct contact, which would be the most fun and the most work and a heck of a pile of equipment to come up with. Some equipment has been pledged through various people. That still leaves a good bit of equipment to come up with.
- There are 2 versions of tele-bridge:
  - One being everything goes from the school by phone line to the station doing the actual contact, which could be anywhere in the world.
  - Another version of tele-bridge would be for a 2 meter station at the school running a phone patch to a station nearby that is in contact with the station making the actual contact with the ISS.
  - The forth option is to say thank you but no thank you.

There has been a lack of answers from the school in regards to personnel clearances, and school access. To set up and practice with the equipment it's going to take a lot of help to set up the antennas and string cables and such.

Alton made a motion that the club has no involvement in the ARISS contact at the Indiana Junior High School.

Dave N3DZ seconded the motion.

Doug K3LAB asked to amend the motion to decline by putting forth an offer to further technology and electronics education through amateur radio.

Fred KM3M seconded the amended motion.

The amendment was voted on and passed

The amended motion was voted on and passed (14 voted yes, 1 abstention)

A committee was formed to draft a letter of declination to the Indiana School board.

The committee members are Larry N3LT, Doug K3LAB, Fred KM3M, Bill K3ZYK, and Terry KB3JOD

The committee will meet at Doug's K3LAB on Thursday (Sept 5<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm.

Walt W3NFY is in the Indian haven personal care home, room 107.

Phil K3PJ announced that Buzz K3TOM passed away and distributed a list of equipment that his family is selling.

**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 EG

October presentation – open

November presentation – open

December presentation – open

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

**September Birthdays:**

Kathleen Lute	N3SJY	9/07
Dennis Clark	KB3HZM	9/19
Bill Menk	W3LAB	9/26

*(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 [carnahanterry@gmail.com](mailto:carnahanterry@gmail.com).)*

**50/50:**

Carl N3PIE won the 50/50 drawing. A total of \$25.00 was collected.  
Carl donated the winnings back into the club  
Thanks Carl!

Roger N3ULC moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Christine KB3QJZ seconded the motion.  
The motion was voted on and passed.

The meeting was closed at 9:35pm local time.

**Meeting Attendance:**

- (x) Roger Bartlebaugh – N3ULC
- (x) Christine Bartlebaugh - KB3QJZ
- (x) Craig Bigler – KB3LBU (*Vice President*)
- (x) Terry Carnahan – KB3JOD (*secretary/Treasurer*)
- (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) Fred Maize – KM3M
- (x) Bill McMillen – N3QM
- (x) Ken Snyder – AA3IO
- (x) Elmer Sorisio – KB3WG (*Board member and Repeater Trustee*)
- (x) Alton Strong – N3PHL
- (x) Robert Zugates – KB3JOF