



## Indiana County Amateur Radio Club

### Meeting Minutes for the meeting on June 2, 2014

President – Craig Bigler KB3LBU  
Vice President – Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB  
Secretary/Treasurer - Terry Carnahan KB3JOD

#### Board Members for 2014:

1. Craig Bigler KB3LBU
2. Terry Carnahan KB3JOD
3. Dave Dzelsky N3DZ
4. Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB
5. Larry Freeman N3LT
6. Carl Hvozda N3PIE
7. Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD
8. Phil Kopczyk K3PJ
9. Elmer Sorisio KB3WG

Craig KB3LBU called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm local time.

#### Approval of meeting minutes for May 2014:

Fred KM3M Moved to accept the minutes for the May meeting.  
Doug K3LAB Seconded the motion.  
Motion was voted on and passed.

#### Financial Report:

Terry KB3JOD  
Opening balance For May 2014 was **ANNOUNCED**  
Electric Bill (for May) -\$36.02  
50/50 drawing (for May) +\$13  
Club Banner -\$79.54  
Memorial for Dennis KB3LBQ - \$150.00  
Donations for Dennis KB3LBQ +\$100.00  
Closing balance for May is **ANNOUNCED**

Larry N3LT made a motion to accept the financial report  
Dave KA3KFA 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)

Is on hold till fall. If someone would like to have a special session, please, contact KB3JOD.

## **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.

As of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Rusty is not doing well. He has lost a lot of weight and is not able to communicate very well.

### **VE Testing / Class: (October 4)**

The dates are listed on the ARRL web site (The first Saturday in April and October).

A committee was formed with Larry N3LT, Doug K3LAB, and Craig KB3LBU as members, to plan for a technician class license class in the fall.

### **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> . There is also a link at the top of the Club's web page ( <http://www.qsl.net/w3bmd/> ) that looks like the following icon.



## **Business:**

### **Repeater News:**

Reminder to keep an eye out for an alternative site for repeater (just in case).

Everyone is encouraged to use the 146.91 repeater (i.e. when in your vehicle, put out your call sign. Don't just listen, talk, talk, talk.)

Ground resistance of the tower needs to be addressed.

The problem tree needs to be addressed. This is a major priority!

Some of the static brushes on the tower will also need to be replaced.

### **Fund Raisers:**

Hoss's Cash Cow;

Our next Cash Cow fundraiser at Hoss's will be Friday June 6. We will gather at around 6pm as a group.

We will do a diner Kit order in July.

A discussion was held about getting a sponsor. This needs farther investigation.

### **New Business:**

### **Ham Fest for next year – Tabled**

### **ARES:**

Our annual Western PA ARES Emcomm Conference at Pitt-Johnstown has been scheduled for Saturday June 14, 2014. Mark your calendars! There will be a \$15 charge for lunch.

**Attention:** Indiana County is in need of an official A.R.E.S. Emergency Coordinator (EC). The current assistant ECs are Jerry KB3DUD, Roger N3ULC, Bill W3LAB and Terry KB3JOD.

If anyone would like to take the position of the A.R.E.S. EC for Indiana County please contact one of the assistant ECs listed above. The only requirements for A.R.E.S. EC is that a person have an valid amateur license (Tech or higher) and be a full member of the ARRL.

**Airport Awareness Days: also** June 14<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>

There will be an Airport meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Craig KB3LBU or Larry N3LT will attend.

The EOC antenna trailer is available for us to use.

members have signed up;

**Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> – Setup 4:30:**

W3LAB, N3DZ, N3LT, KB3WG, KM3M, K3PJ, KA3KFA, K3LAB, KB3LBU, KB3JOD

**Saturday Jun 14<sup>th</sup> Morning shift – operating:**

N3LT, W3LAB, KB3WG, K3LAB, KB3LBU

**Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> afternoon shift – operating:**

K3LAB, KB3LBU

**Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> Morning shift – operating:**

K3LAB, KB3LBU

**Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> Afternoon shift – tear down:**

N3DZ, N3LT, KB3WG, KM3M, K3PJ, KB3JOD, KA3KFA, K3LAB, KB3LBU

**Field Day:** June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

It was decided that Field day be held at the Dave KA3KFA site at 715 Luciusboro Rd, Blairsville, PA. This is just a short distance (towards Corral) from our repeater site.

Fred KM3M moved to purchase a quantity of two 500 foot spools of 1/8 inch nylon rope.

Dave N3DZ seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and passed.

Larry N3LT moved to have field day at the ridge site at Dave's KA3KFA.

Fred KM3M seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and passed.

A work session will be held at the repeater site on Thursday, late afternoon around 4pm.

Fred KM3M, Larry N3LT, Craig KB3LBU, and Elmer KB3WG will be there.

Craig will check with the EOC about the generator

members that have signed up;

**Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> 4pm – setup**

N3DZ, N3LT, KB3WG, KM3M, KB3LBU, K3PJ, K3LAB, KA3KFA, KB3JOD and K3ZYK, KB3VDD, KB3TBV tentatively

**Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> Noon to when ever – operate:**

W3LAB, N3LT, KB3WG, KB3JOD, K3LAB, KA3KFA (on call)

**Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm – covered dish picnic:**

W3LAB, N3LT, KB3JOD, KB3LBU

**Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> morning – operate:**  
N3LT, KB3LBU

**Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> Noon or so – tear down:**  
N3DZ, N3LT, KB3WG, KM3M, K3PJ, KB3JOD, KB3LBU

**Ham Radio demonstration for Cub Scouts (1<sup>st</sup> grade to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) at Camp Seth Mack:**

3 antennas will be put up; a 20 meter and a 40 meter dipole antennas and a G5RV antenna.

The following members have signed up;

**Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup> late afternoon – setup:**  
N3LT, K3PJ, KB3WG, KM3M, KA3KFA, K3LAB, KB3LBU

**Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> 9am to Noon – operate / demonstration:**  
N3LT, K3PJ, KA3KFA, K3LAB, KB3LBU

**Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1pm to 4pm – operate / demonstration:**  
K3PJ, N3PIE, KA3KFA, K3LAB, KB3LBU

**Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – tear down:**  
N3LT, K3PJ, KB3WG, KM3M, KA3KFA, K3LAB, KB3LBU

**Vest:**

Dave KA3KFA moved that the Sec. and Pres. Pick a vest that is under \$40 for the next meeting with the following criteria: high visibility green/yellow with reflective strips, light weight or mesh, and lots of pockets. There was no quorum at the time so no vote could be held.

**Programs / Presentations During 2014:**

January presentation – Open  
February presentation – Carl N3PIE-- Evergreen Conservancy  
March's presentation – Indiana County EMA – Tom Stutzman  
April's presentation – Open  
May's presentation – Open  
June's presentation – Open  
July's presentation – Open  
August presentation – Open  
September presentation - Open  
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.

**50/50:**

Doug K3LAB won the 50/50 drawing. A total of \$18.00 was collected.  
Doug donated the money back to the club.  
Thank you Doug!

Fred KM3M moved to close the meeting.  
Larry N3LT seconded the motion.  
The motion was voted on and passed.  
The meeting was closed at 9:36pm local time.

## Calendar of Events:

**June 11,12 – Ham Radio Demo for Scouts**

**June 14 – ARES Emcomm Conference, UPJ**

**June 14,15 – Airport Awareness Days**

**June 28,29 – Field Day**

**July 20 - Somerset Hamfest**

**August 24 – New Ken (Skyview) Hamfest**

**September - 9 Uniontown Hamfest**

**September – 21 PEMA Conference at 7 Springs**

**October 4 – VE Test**

**September / October? Technician License Class**

## Meeting Attendance:

- (X) Craig Bigler – KB3LBU (*President*)
- (X) Terry Carnahan – KB3JOD (*secretary/Treasure*)
- (X) David Dzelsky – N3DZ (*Board member*)
- (X) Doug Fitzsimmons – K3LAB (*Vice President*)
- (X) Larry Freeman – N3LT (*Board member*)
- (X) Carl Hvozda – N3PIE (*Board member*)
- (X) Phil Kopczyk – K3PJ (*Board member*)
- (X) Fred Maize – KM3M
- (X) Bill Menk – W3LAB
- (X) Elmer Sorisio – KB3WG (*Board member and Repeater Trustee*)
- (X) Dave Steiner – KA3KFA
- (X) Bill Wieserman – K3ZYK
- (X) Fred Fish N3KMA