



Indiana County Amateur Radio Club

Meeting minutes for October 7, 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 Agenda to order at 7:31 pm local time.

Approval of meeting minutes for September 2014:

Phil K3PJ Moved to accept the minutes for the September meeting.
Dave N3DZ Seconded the motion.
Motion was voted on and passed.

Financial Report:

Terry KB3JOD

Opening balance For September 2014 was ANNOUNCED

Electric Bill (for September) -\$38.00

50/50 drawing (for September) +\$?? (\$18 collected – no drawing held)

Account Maintenance Fee -\$10.00 (for being below the minimum balance)**

Closing balance for September is **ANNOUNCED**

** (1st Indiana Bank offers a Free Basic Checking account with no minimum balance)

Doug K3LAB moved to change the checking account to a Basic non-interest account with no minimum balance.

Fred KM3M seconded the motion

The motion was voted on and passed.

Fred KM3M made a motion to accept the financial report

Marcia KD4ITP 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.

Thanks to Dave KA3KFA for taking the Net Control for the month of September.

And thanks to Elmer for taking the Net Control for the October.

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

Will begin this October. It will begin at 8:30, directly following the Monday Nite ARES voice net. We will be using the MT63-2KL mode. It is a very informal gathering using both voice and digital over the 146.91 repeater.

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 the September meeting, Rusty is doing better. He is now able to communicate a lot better than before. Plans are being made to move him to the DC VA to be closer to his daughter. Now would be the best time to visit him.

VE Testing / Class: (October 2, 9, 16, and 23)

VE testing will be held during the last class on the 23rd. The Classes will be held at the EOC at 85 Haven Drive in Indiana, PA. The classes run from 6:30 (18:30) to 9:30 (21:30) on these dates.

Announcements will be place in the Indiana Gazette and on the local radio stations.

People interested in helping are Carl N3PIE, Phil K3PJ, Larry N3LT (VE), Fred KM3M, Bill N3QM (VE), Bill K3ZYK (VE), Doug K3LAB (VE). If anyone else would like to help please contact any of the above members.

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.)

Fund Raisers:

Next Fund Raiser will be the Christmas Party / Fund Raiser at Hoss's on December 6.

Donations:

Marcia donated \$20

Phil donated \$20 for the winning poster at the Cookport Fair.

Ham Fest for next year – no discussion held

ARES / ACS:

Dave KA3KFA volunteered to be the official A.R.E.S. Emergency Coordinator (EC).

Doug K3LAB moved to accept Dave as the Indiana County ARES EC

Fred KM3M seconded the motion

The motion was voted on and passed.

There were 8 club members in attendance at the annual PEMA conference held at Seven Springs. It is rumored that next year it will be held in the Gettysburg area.

Hi-Vis Vest:

Terry KB3JOD ordered a vest as a sample for everyone to see. To get the lettering on the back will cost \$5 per vest. Terry will check on quote for 20 vests to see if there is a discount. If ordered separately each vest will cost \$11.59 plus around \$5 for shipping.

Dave KA3KFA moved to get a quote on 20 vests.

Marcia seconded the motion

The motion was voted on and passed

PA QSO Party / mini field day – October 11th and 12th.

Setup will be on October 9th and 10th

The antenna trailer was delivered October 3rd and was set up on the 4th.

The light trailer / generator will be delivered around the 9th or 10th.

3 stations will be set up,

Cook out / Picnic to be decided upon.

Evergreen Conservancy:

The Evergreen Conservancy group got help with some one of their troubled transmitters located where Rte 56 crosses over Blacklick Creek.

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 – John Busovicki -- coinage

September presentation - Open

October presentation – ??

November presentation -- ?? — Gary Miller – Burrell Township EC / Rescue Team

December presentation – Open

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

50/50:

Craig KB3LBU won the 50/50 drawing. A total of \$18.00 was collected plus the \$18 from last month.

Craig donated the \$36 back to the club.

Thank You Craig!

The meeting was closed at 9:15 pm local time.

Calendar of Events:

October 2, 9, 16, and 23 -- Technician License Class

October 11, 12 – PA QSO Party

October 18 – S.E.T.

November 2 – Washington Co. Ham fest

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) Marcia Malcolm – KD4ITP
- (X) Dave Steiner – KA3KFA
- (X) Alton Strong – N3PHL