

April 2023
ICARC NEWSLETTER



Officers for 2023:

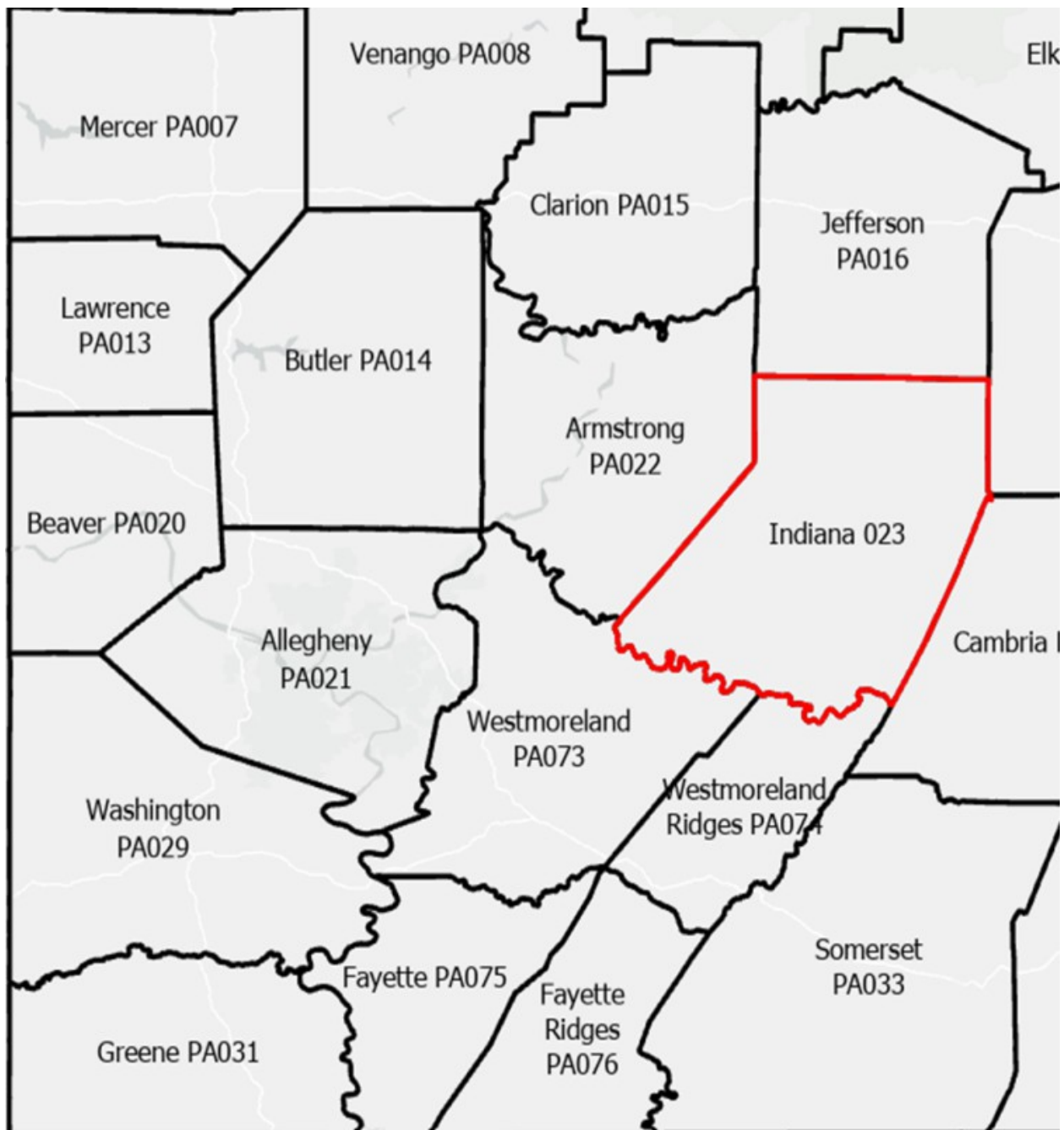
President – Jeffrey Tobin KC3NJE
Vice President – Cass Fitzgerald N3FLO
Treasurer – Gary Miller KC3NHE
Secretary - Chris Edwards N3VFK
* Officers also serve on the Board

Board Members for 2023:

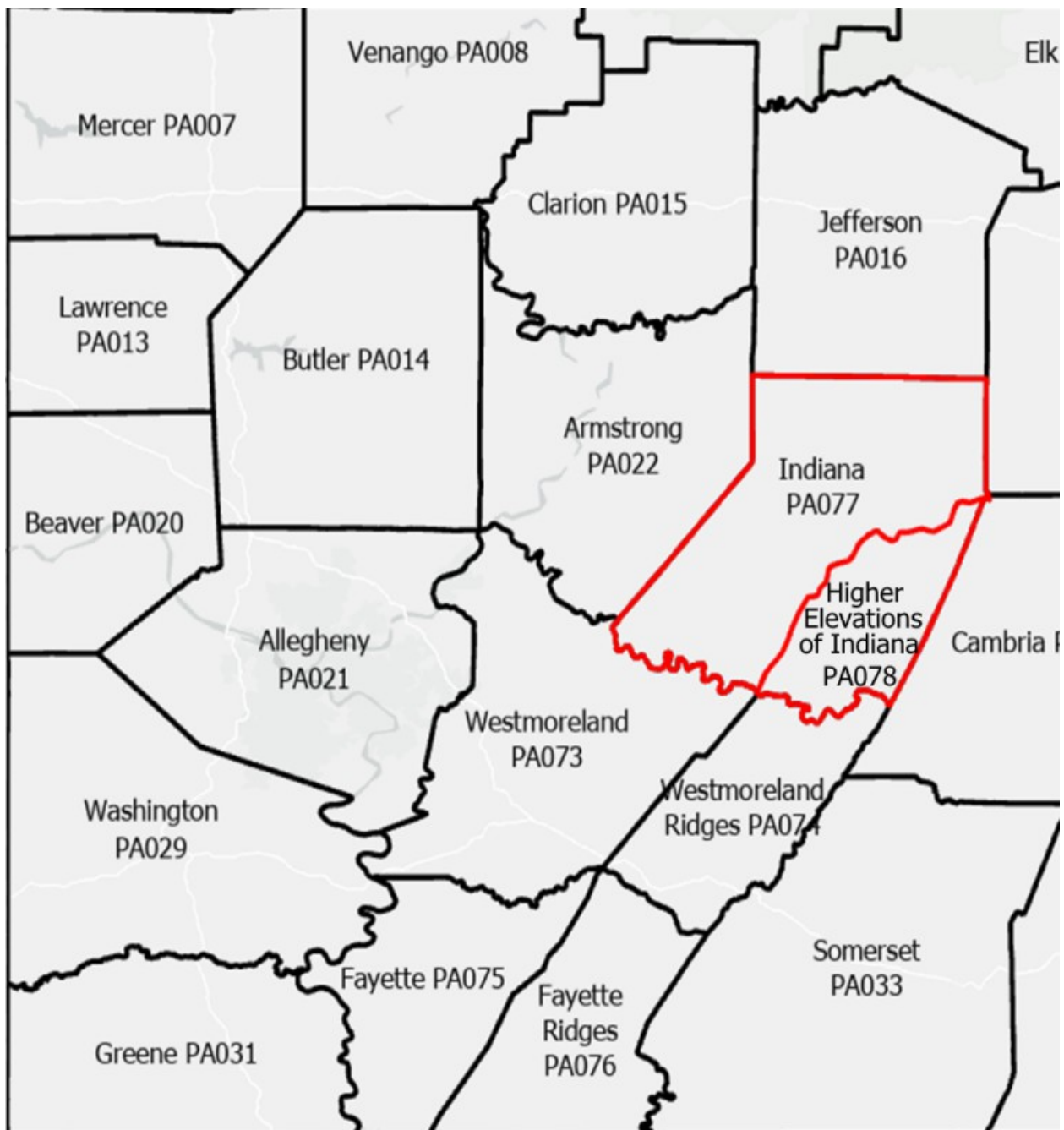
1. Harry Dushac K3FSE
2. Craig Bigler AB3XA
3. Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB
4. Dave Steiner W3CDH
5. Larry Freeman N3LT

Local Happenings: The ICARC is having another Education Day at our education room at the Indiana Mall on Monday May 8. 6-7pm. Next to King's Jewelers. Speaking through Zoom will be long time Ham & Ham License guru Gordon West known for his awesome study manuals. The topic will be "Emergency! Mayday! Hams in Action".

Of ARES/SkyWarn Interest: For years living in Indiana County, depending on who you talked too, you would always get two weather reports. Those that got their weather out of the Johnstown market would give you reports of possible winter weather accumulations substantially higher than those that received their weather information out of the Pittsburgh market. Yet Indiana County was considered one market. Nothing could be further from the truth. For television purposes Indiana County is considered part of the Designated Market Area (DMA) for the Pittsburgh Media Market but if you live in the eastern part of the County, most people their identify with the Johnstown-Altoona DMA. Now to make things a little clearer, the National Weather Service has split Indiana County into two separate Weather Segments or Zones. Indiana County is one & Higher Elevations of Indiana County another. This is long overdue & should make things safer for people overall, depending where you are in the County. The forecast you hear should now be more accurate for where you live or where you are traveling in the county. Here is what the old zone looked like & what the two new zones look like.



Old Zone



New Zone

We are looking for articles for print. Either something you find interesting or something you may have written yourself. If anyone would like to submit information or write an article for the Newsletter please let Chris Edwards know by email at: chowhowa@gmail.com. The only caveats are: The editor reserves the right to alter the format for publication purposes. The content may also be modified contingent upon accuracy and appropriateness of the contained material. The latter would, of course, be subject to the approval of the original author.

Approved April 2023 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by ICARC Secretary Chris Edwards, N3VFK

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm with Roll Call & the Pledge of Allegiance led by Club President Jeffrey Tobin KC3NJE

Reports: The minutes of the March 2023 monthly meeting were read by Club Secretary Chris Edwards N3VFK. Jeffrey entertained a motion to accept the minutes, a motion was made, seconded & then approved. The March Treasurer's report was presented by Gary Miller KC3NHE. Jeffrey entertained a motion to accept the minutes. A Motion was made to accept the minutes. It was seconded, then approved. The motion was carried. Gary then gave the EC report. Jeffrey entertained a motion to accept the minutes. A motion was made, seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly Business:

Gary is looking for someone to climb the tower. This is an on going process... John Lewis AI3I is looking into noise coming out of the Blue Spruce Site. He feels something is feeding back in... A discussion took place on using DMR Analog & Echo Link. A club member has offered to pay for it. Larry would like the club to concentrate on getting the transmitter site taken care of first. The Echolink node would go into the 910 repeater at no cost. A motion was made, seconded & was carried... April 15th a VE Test Session will be held at the 911 center at 10am... 14 people attended the first event at our new mall location entitled; "The next generation of antennas." Ore next mall event well-known ham radio operator Gordon West will be speaking on "Ham Radio Emergency Communications" on May8th. Further details at the May 2nd Meeting... Congratulations to newly licensed John Neilands KC3VVD, Zac Trimble KC3VUK & Bob Pease KC3VVS!... It was agreed upon that the Board Meeting Minutes will now be read before the monthly board meeting... It was also agreed that the hat fund will go solely toward the Tower Fund... Locks need changed at the club shack with the Club President & Club Trustee needing keys.

End of meeting/adjourned: Having no further business to discuss, a motion was entertained to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made. Seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned 8:19pm.

After the Meeting Phil gave an informative brief presentation on older ham radios.

Attendance: 20

Gary Miller, Walter Schroth

Jeff Tobin Keith Rearick

EJ Park Paul Morris

Bob Pease Dave Steiner

Des Warzel Mark Strawcutter

Chris Edwards Zac Trimble

John Neilands Larry Freeman

Wanda Schmaus Harry Dushac

Jerry Kiehl Fred Maize

Phil Kopczyk Cass Fitzgerald