



## Indiana County Amateur Radio Club

### Meeting Minutes for the meeting on October 1, 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 7:38 pm local time.

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

Joe KA2BRH Moved to accept the minutes as posted.

Fred KM3M Seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on and passed.

#### **Financial Report:**

Terry KB3JOD

Opening balance For August 2012 was ANNOUNCED

Electric Bill (for August) -\$33.00

50/50 drawing (for September) +\$25

Closing balance for August is ANNOUNCED

Larry N3LT made a motion to accept the financial report

Doug K3LAB 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. 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 visit Rusty, Maybe some Saturday after breakfast.

#### **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.

#### **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. **ADDRESS:** [www.facebook.com/w3bmd](http://www.facebook.com/w3bmd)

#### **Business:**

##### **S.E.T (Simulated Emergency Test):**

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

Roger N3ULC will be taking random check-ins on the 146.91 repeater. Since the repeaters receive antenna is kind of a compromise right now, if you have difficulty hitting the repeater you may want to try using simplex on the 146.91 frequency. Depending on your location that might work. Relays will also help.

#### **Officer nominations:**

The floor was opened to officer nominations. No nominations were received.

#### **Repeater Antenna Update:**

Up to \$500 has pre-approved to pay a climber.

A discussion was held about whether or not our insurance would cover a person outside of our club that would be climbing the tower.

Bill N3QM will check with Marsh Insurance (our clubs insurance provider) to see if we need / can get a rider to cover the person who will be climbing our tower.

Terry KB3JOD will email Andrew Hower (the tower climber) about the insurance.

Phil K3PJ will contact the Cambria Radio Club to see what they did about insurance and cost.

We will be moving a Diamond dual band and installing 2 antennas (a new Diamond XNA510 and a commercial grade Station Master). 2 hardlines will need to be reinstalled. There is one hardline already installed.

The tower is 160 feet tall.

Need to buy a couple of mounting brackets and u-bolts.

#### **Repeater Update:**

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

#### **Fund Raisers:**

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

#### **Wiener Night**

Still going on usually gathering around 8pm.

**Fox Hunt update: Sept 28**

Elmer KB3WG was the first to find the fox.

Larry N3LT was the second to find it.

Everyone who participated said that a lot was learned.

**PA QSO Party October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>: at the repeater site**

Fred KM3M said that he was willing to setup antennas on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> around 6pm.

The tents will be setup on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> around 6pm.

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

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

We need lots of volunteers to man the 2 radio stations for the full 21 hours. No one is required to stay the whole 21 hours. The more volunteers we have the less time each volunteer will need to be there. If you would like to volunteer some time to help out with this drill please contact Terry KB3JOD (724-388-3826 or [carnahanterry@gmail.com](mailto:carnahanterry@gmail.com)) .

**Note:** Since the October meeting, the Red Cross 'Postponed' the shelter drill because they did not have enough qualified staff for the drill. No makeup date was available.

**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 their 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.

**October Birthdays:**

Joe Carpentieri	KA2BRH	10/23
Greg Kerr	N3PHF	10/24
Chaney Woodring	KB3NMD	10/26

*(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:**

Craig KB3LBU won the 50/50 drawing. A total of \$18.00 was collected.  
Craig donated the winnings back into the club.

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

The meeting was closed at 9:25pm local time.

**Meeting Attendance:**

- (X) Roger Bartlebaugh – N3ULC
- (X) Christine Bartlebaugh - KB3QJZ
- (X) Craig Bigler – KB3LBU (*Vice President*)
- (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) Phil Kopczyk – K3PJ
- (X) Fred Maize – KM3M
- (X) Bill McMillen – N3QM
- (X) Elmer Sorisio – KB3WG (*Board member and Repeater Trustee*)