Central Indiana Amateur Radio Association (CIARA)



CIARA Meeting Notes 10/05/2019

- The meeting was called to order by Wayne Polakoff, KD9BUX at 10:32 AM. At Fire Station 6 in Noblesville.
- Paul Beihold, KA9SDQ, gave the Treasurer's Report. The club currently has \$1951.12 in the checking account.
- Ron Sans, WA4EZF, read the Secretary's the minutes from the last meeting.
- The County (Health Department) is in the process of purchasing a new Yaesu Fusion repeater pair. It is expected to install the antenna on the State Police tower in Hortonville which is near the upper West corner of Hamilton County. Mike Alley, W9MSK, has procured the 440 frequency for the club; however, we have not been able to get a 2-meter frequency. There are several ICE repeaters that will be taken off the air. The club will see if we can get one of the 2-meter frequencies from the ICE group.
- The ICE repeaters in Indianapolis will be taken down soon and only the weather repeater will be left up.
- We need to assign a representative to the Repeater Council. John Gooldy, W9KD, and Wayne Polakoff, KD9BUX, were originally assigned to the Indiana Repeater Association (IRC). John Goodly said that he would represent us on the Council. Mike Alley is working with the council now to get the frequencies for us. Mike Alley will be the primary IRC representative and John Gooldy will be the backup for our club.
- We need nominations for next year's board. The elections will be next month. Here are the current nominations.
 - President Wayne Polakoff, KD9BUX
 - Vice Present Steve Stuckey, AC9GK
 - Treasurer Paul Beihold, KA9SDQ
 - Secretary Ron Sans, WA4EZF
- The December meeting will be at Jim Dandy's Restaurant located at 2301 Conner Street, Noblesville at 11:00 AM on December 7th. Gerry Hill, W9CZW, will make the arrangements.
- For Show and Tell Joe March, KJ9M, presented an antenna for the handheld radios.
- There were several complaints about how the Sunday night net stations are checked in. Tim Vermande, KD5URS, is currently the Club's Net Control Officer, but was not present at the meeting. The issue is that the method of checking in a station has recently been changed. It is now done by a running a roster that is based on the previous week's check-in list. This is taking a very long time and has presented some difficulties in correcting issues with mistaken call signs. It was suggested that Tim Vermande investigate this issue and decide as to which way to check in the stations on the net.

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- Tony Ashpaugh, W0ALA, gave a presentation on grounding. He has installed many radio stations antenna systems throughout the country and is an expert in grounding.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12 AM by Wayne Polakoff.

Submitted by:

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Secretary