

Anderson Repeater Club, Inc.

January, 2021

Our regular January meeting is Tuesday, January 5, 7:00PM and will be held ON-AIR (146.820) due to the County being upgraded in the Covid situation and our EOC being un-available for in-person meetings. Please plan to attend. Our important item of business is election of Officers for 2021, our 52nd year as a Club. See below for the issues that we'll be "approving by vote" during the meeting. The planned Technical Session for this meeting was also planned for the November meeting. Looks like it will be moved to the next meeting in March.

ISSUE FOR VOTE #1: Our main business for this meeting will be the election of officers for 2021. Our current slate of Officers, re-nominated are:

President	Ferrin Nice, N9VZL (1 year)
Vice-President	Gary Sherman, W9GNR (1 year)
Secretary	Steve Riley, WA9CWE (39 years)
Treasurer	Gerald Hollon, W9GDH (1/2 year)
Technical Committee	Tom Harbron, W9EEL, (39 years) Dale Bales, KV9W, (6 years) Gary Sherman, W9GNR (2 years)
.82 Trustee	Tom Ecker, KA9SYP (27 years)
.09 Trustee	Jeff Dyer, K9DYR (1/2 year)

As always we are open to new blood in our leadership team. We have 2 new leaders as a result of our Silent Key in 2020. Please plan to attend, nominate others if you wish, and vote to support our 2021 Officers. Upon motion by WA9CWE and second by N9VZL that the above slate of Officers be elected all vote in favor.

ISSUE FOR VOTE #2: The weather station located at the EOC is maintained by our Club. It is about 10 years old, and is no longer reliable. Additionally, the web cam mounted on the EOC for our westward observation has died, most likely due to a lightning strike. Dale, KV9W, has investigated purchasing a new unit similar to and with the same capabilities as our current one. Upon motion by KV9W, and second by WA9CWE that the Club purchase a new Davis 6152 Wireless Vantage Pro2 Weather Station (\$445.94), a Foscam HD1080P Outdoor WiFi Security Camera (Model FI9900P) (\$59.99), and renew the Webcam.Io Service for Livestream for one year (\$60.00) for a total expense of \$565.93. All vote in favor. It is hoped that EMA will be able to provide an updated Computer and the 6100 Davis WeatherLink Live interface and software at \$175.99.

ISSUE FOR VOTE #3: The Treasurer's report was not presented at the last meeting (November) so the report is: Initial balance as of \$2867.78. No Income. Disbursements of \$25 for N9XXT Memorial, \$25 for KB9VE Memorial, for a balance of \$2817.78. As of December 30, there has been income from Dues of \$60, for a new balance of \$2877.78. Upon motion by WA9CWE, and second by N9VZL that the report be accepted all vote in favor.

Dues are being accepted for 2021. As always they are \$20, payable at the meeting, or send them to the Club PO Box: Anderson Repeater Club, PO Box 615, Anderson, IN 46015. Our membership dues just barely cover our yearly expenses, so we appreciate every contribution. We have already received a few dues checks by mail. Membership certificates will be printed as soon as we have our newly elected officers confirmed.

I'm sorry to report that former member Gene Sample, K9RPZ, became a Silent Key on December 9. Gene was a founding member of the Club, and a member thru 1980. Gene also participated as a VE in our early years of VE Testing, 2011 to 2013. Gene had also been active in the MCARC in the '50's thru '80's and was a CD volunteer. He was active on the Indiana Traffic Net for many years. We will miss him.

Repeater activity has been mild the last few months. I hope that you are at least monitoring, even if you don't take the time to send out a call.

There are some predictions that the increase in Sunspots in 2021 will result in improved band conditions, particularly on HF and low VHF, but they seem to improve our VHF and UHF conditions somewhat also. Let's hope that we can take advantage of them this year. Also if you haven't operated on 6 meters, you might consider taking that up too. That band responds to Sunspots in a great way!

Our member Bryan, W9BLF, has offered to donate a Baofeng Handheld to a newly licensed ham in our area that doesn't have a radio upon successfully passing the test. His hope is that it will help that person get on the air sooner and jump start interest in the hobby. Bryan wonders if there are others who would be interested in donating similar equipment to get newcomers started.

The FCC Docket 20-270 related to fees for licenses was released on the 29th. It appears that the new licensing fees for Amateur Radio licenses is:

New license	\$35
Special temporary authority	\$35
Rule waiver	\$35
Renewal	\$35
Vanity Call Sign (Amateur Radio Service)	\$35

If you had read about it you learned that they were required by a new law to determine a fee based upon their actual costs. With a lot of amateur's inputs they decreased their proposed fee from \$50 to \$35. You can read the entire document at:

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-20-184A1.pdf> I haven't read the entire document to determine just how they are to be paid.

See you on Tuesday.

73,
Steve

Minutes of Meeting – November 3, 2020

The regular Club meeting was called to order at 1900 by the President, Ferrin, N9VZL.

Everyone reported as having signed in on the attendance sheet. Ferrin asked if everyone had received the Minutes of the last meeting and if there were any corrections to be had. Hearing none all present voted YEH to accepting the Minutes as published.

Ferrin mentioned a bad couple of weeks with the loss of members Bill Griffin, N9XXT on October 17 and Tim Galbraith, KB9VE, our Treasurer and .09 Trustee on October 22. Both will be missed. We will elect a new Treasurer tonight. There were no other illnesses or Silent Keys to report.

Treasurer's Report - Secretary Steve, WA9CWE, was not present, so there was no Treasury report or correspondence.

.82 Repeater Report – Trustee Tom, KA9SYP, was not present so there was not report. It seems to be working OK.

.09 Repeater Report – Trustee Tim, KB9VE, is now a Silent Key, so a new Trustee is needed and nominations were opened for that responsibility. There were a few questions and a confirmation that the Trustee's license was responsible for the operation of the repeater. **Jeff, K9DYR, has offered to accept the position as Trustee, and upon a motion by KB9NTG and a second by W9EEL, all present voted in favor of Jeff becoming the .09 Trustee.**

145.390 Repeater Report – Trustee Alan, NA9LA, reported that it seems to be working but there may be a grounding issue with the antenna.

443.350 Repeater Report – Trustee Steve, WA9CWE, was not present. No one reported any issues.

Weather Station Update – No issues known.

ARES Report – EC Gary, W9GNR, provided a report on activities that he has collected.

EMA Report – Director Tom, KA9STP, was not present to make a report, and Jeff, K9DYR, was not present either, so no update was available.

VE Testing Report – Ferrin reported that at the last test session there were 3 new licenses and 2 upgrades. Unfortunately none were from Madison County.

Run-The-Mounds Report – There were no comments, but it seemed to happen without issues.

Old Business – None

New Business – Gary, W9GNR, talked about an open net that he wants to start on Thursdays on the 443.35 repeater to better utilize all available frequencies.

Opening of Nominations for the Treasurer – No one offered a nomination or volunteer for the Treasurer position. **Gerald Hollon, K9GDH had said that he would take the position and upon motion of N9VZL and a second by KC9GBL all voted in favor of Gerald taking the position.**

Upcoming activities – The Donut Meeting of the MCARC is every Thursday morning at 9AM at the EOC. Also the Saturday morning breakfast at Anderson Grill at 9AM is held. The next MCARC meeting is as the EOC on December 7, and the EMA Communications Division meeting is on Tuesday, December 1. The next ARC meeting is on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

Technical Presentation – Steve, WA9CWE, was not present, so no technical session was held, but there was an interesting discussion on Raspberry Pi devices.

Upon a motion and second the meeting was closed.

There were about 15 members present.

Respectfully submitted, Ferrin Nice, N9VZL, President