



PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2025 – 6:00pm EST
Jasper Public Library – Jasper, IN

- The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by President Mike Vogler.
- Ron Hickman offered a prayer, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.
- Attendance – 16 members and 1 guest
- President Mike Vogler welcomed everyone and re-iterated our mission - “To recruit, foster, educate, and mentor amateur radio”

PRESENTATIONS

- President Vogler passed out framed club membership certificates to Levi Nigg, Derek Libbert, John Kaltenbacher, and Owen Wagner.

GUESTS

- Adam Mann (KB9UYN) who attends our meetings and helps the club during Field Day activities was in attendance and filled out a membership application. President Vogler discussed some of Adam’s amateur radio interests and then asked for a voice vote to accept Adam into the club. A voice vote was taken and passed with no opposition. Welcome to the club Adam.

INDIANA QSO PARTY

- President Vogler went over the results of the QSO party and said that the Patoka Valley Amateur Radio Club received 77,834 points which unofficial results show our club as finishing first in the state. Official results will be posted in a couple more weeks. A round of applause was given for the participants, which were Jerry Hill, Bud Mann, Gary Fritz, John Kaltenbacher, Mike Goodpaster, Mike Maffenbeier, and Mike Vogler.

MEETING PRESENTATION

- Due to possible bad weather Gary Fritz was not in attendance as he had Skywarn duties. However, he asked President Vogler to inform the club that the 444.675 MHz repeater is being shut down. Gary originally funded the repeater in 1998 and it was installed at

Mike Maffenbeier's property. Mike helped maintain the repeater for the last 25+ years. At this time, all of the repeater's equipment has been offered as a donation to any Indiana Emergency Management Agency who will see that it is installed and used to continue its mission of protecting life and property and serving the amateur radio community in supportive roles such as RACES, ARES, or SKYWARN. Please contact Gary for details. Kudos to both Gary and Mike for this long lasting project.

OFFICER REPORTS

- Secretary/Treasurer
 - The April 15, 2025 meetings minutes were read. President Vogler said that the minutes needed to be amended showing that there was a voice vote taken at the last meeting to proceed with a vote at the next meeting to make changes to the by-laws stating when the yearly club dues were to be paid and to possibly raise the yearly dues amount.
 - The Treasurer reported that the April 2025 bank balance was \$1,452.66 and fifty dollars is still safe in the petty cash box. There was no formal motion or second made to accept the treasurers report or the meeting minutes with the above-mentioned change. President Vogler asked for a voice vote for the passing of the minutes and treasurers report. Members present voted aye and there was no opposition.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mike Goodpaster updated the club that we are still looking at doing a fox hunt with a date & time to be determined. Mike mentioned that Calvin was still waiting on him to get together and try out their antennas and a transmitter. Mike informed Calvin that he would touch base soon. Mike also mentioned that maybe we could combine the club fox hunt and a club POTA activation. Mike will have more information for members at the next club meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Vogler had the members that were present vote by secret ballot on the following changes to the by-laws:
 1. Annual membership dues for the following year are due by December 31st with a grace period till January 31st.
 2. Membership dues are to be \$25.00 per year.
 3. If membership dues are not paid by December 31st the dues increase to \$30 until the end of the grace period on January 31st.A paper ballot vote was taken to make the above changes with the results being 13 yes votes and 3 no votes. Amendment passed.

- Mike (KA9GDW) passed along that Gary Fritz was assisting the Dubois County Rural Electric Co-Op at the Patoka Water pump station with RF interference issues.
- Mike also asked the members if the club should pursue helping people take down antenna towers in order to receive donations for the club's treasurer. After a brief discussion it was determined that if the tower belongs to a ham radio operator, then it would not be an issue. However, if it is for the general public then there could be issues that we would not want the club to be involved in such as liability concerns. It was decided to pass on non-ham related towers.
- The club VE session on May 8th resulted in Steve (KE9APT) earning his general ticket. Congratulation Steve.
- Field Day will take place again at the Ferdinand park. It was agreed to have a pitch-in type dinner on Saturday night and family members are invited to attend. More detailed Field Day items will be discussed at the next club meeting in June.
- It was decided to put more of the surrounding club's nets information on our website. President Vogler encouraged members to participate in other club's weekly nets.
- Bud brought up that the Bloomington Amateur Radio Club was having a ham fest on June 14th and it may be a good one to attend.

DONATIONS

\$57 was collected for the 50/50 prize with \$28.50 going to the winner. Mike Goodpaster had the winning ticket and donated the winnings to the club treasury.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:12 PM by Craig Vogler and seconded by Mick Kamman. The motion passed without opposition.