

Polk County Amateur Radio Association  
Meeting Minutes  
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Hi Folks,

Just wanted to let you know what we discussed at the meeting, as many were unable to attend.

Present were Rick W9WS, Chuck WD9GWG, Carlos N9GIM, Lucus KC9KYO, Leroy (I forgot his call again!) our Polk County EM, Kathy Poirer, and myself.

NIMS- Discussed how digital emergency communications are making news ie: D-STAR, This months QST, etc. and how agencies are needing us to have abilities to send printed stuff, etc.

DONATED TELPAC NODE- Discussed a telpac node that has been offered to us by the ASEC for digital communications in ARES. Discussed possible locations. A meeting will be setup with the county to discuss the possibility of a DSL line to the tower location.

REPEATER INTERFERENCE TEST- at some point we will be conducting a test with the other county equipment at the tower site to test for any interference.

ARES/RACES conference in Neenah-Oct. 27th-28th  
Discussed the upcoming conference. I'm going, and would like company! Contact me soon for more details. Club moved to reimburse costs to me as EC. Thank you!

REPEATER CONTROLLER-Discussed ARCOM RC-210 repeater controller. Greg Braun's club in Illinois has 4 of them and love them. Gives ability to control and program repeater with 70cm RF link or by Internet link, if available, plus many other snarky features handy for the future. Greg has offered help and programming support. Discussed cost. No decisions at this time.

We adjourned, and folks left.

I brought the club packet station down to the shack to finish changing ID's and also enabling remote sysop control of the packet station. It's back online. Thanks Chuck WD9GWG for your help!

Looking for someone that can type faster than me to do these minutes, etc. I type 5wph!

Time for my nap.....

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