

Polk County Amateur Radio Association
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2008
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Just a recap of our meeting discussion and stuff:

MSR- 2000 REPEATER- Rick W9WS -progress being made. Repeater is on track to be delivered and installed around Thanksgiving.

ARES/RACES -Ed KB9KJE attended the yearly ARES/RACES conference and this is some of what was discussed there.

He mentioned the need, due to many wanting our spectrum for A/R groups to make their presence known to the public. He praised us on our SET and Field day efforts, but said to keep it up.

He mentioned that NIMS compliance is becoming the standard throughout the volunteer response community.

Fred AB9LV mentioned that he'd like all compliant (IS 700, ICS 100) folks to please let him know, and that list will go to state ARES/RACES and Polk County. He mentioned that there are those who may not want to do the compliance stuff, but still may be useful from home as support communication. Discussion followed.

Fred and Rick W9WS will be working to get pictures of ARES/RACES members for a snarky ID card.

Kathy P had mentioned at one time that they'd like a County picture ID for all RACES members. Fred will contact her about this.

WINLINK/PACKET UPDATE- I talked about the new Paclink, our expanding packet network, The new Outpost with scripting multi BBS checking capability, and asked again for volunteer sites for RMS packet nodes. DONATED COMPUTERS- I talked about 3 donated computers coming from Dr. Stan Kaplan for ARES/RACES or Winlink applications. Plus a computer with accessories was donated for the radio shack by Chuck WD9GWG. If you'd like to set up a node, etc. one of these computers could be yours. Contact me.

WE WILL NOW HAVE PLENTY OF COMPUTERS!

HOSPITAL ANTENNA GRANT EQUIPMENT UPDATE- I have spoken with Osceola and St. Croix Falls. St. Croix has their equipment and will contact us when it is installed. Osceola has their equipment installed and i will be meeting with them later this month to survey the install and see what we need to make it plug and play. Ed KB9KJE mentioned there will be another grant offered to the hospitals. Stay tuned.

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PCARA WEBSITE- some mentioned they'd like to see better use of our website. Steve N0XC is our webmaster and maintains the website. People may contact him with ideas.

CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS- Chris KC9NVV was nominated for the Vice president position, and if elected, will serve. Nominations will be open through the month. Elections will be next month.

GROWING THE CLUB- Chuck WD9GWG mentioned an idea the St Croix county group used to recruit, blitz train and license new hams. We discussed possibly our club supporting their effort. Chuck will talk with the St. Croix group.

After the meeting Chris KC9NVV programmed a bunch of freqs on my Yaesu 8800 with his software and cable...slick.

I installed some Powerpoles on some cables.

We went home. If I missed something, I'm sorry. Please remind me.