

Polk County Amateur Radio Association
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2009
Mark Wien KC9GHQ



I have inserted comments next to the items so as not to have to retype them...

Good discussion on many items today. If i missed something worth mentioning, please feel free to make additions and corrections and email to all .

Hope the fancy formatting doesn't blow up on your screen... Sorry.... Let me know. I can send to you plain text...

Mark-KC9GHQ

Old business and treasurers report? ----- NONE

ARES/RACES - Fred-AB9LV, Ed KB9KJE, Kathy P

Interesting discussion regarding ARES/RACES.

We discussed various ways we might be used and where we fit into the big plan. We discussed the different roles and requirements for ARES and RACES and activation questions. Pictures were taken for ARES/RACES ID badges.

Repeater update- Rick W9WS----- Repeater working well. We thanked Kathy P and the county for the help with antenna issues.

Website update- Fred AB9LV-----Discussion about linking the PCARA domain name to our new website or finding a new place. Discussed how a website is a benefit to those OUTSIDE the club in order to find us, and check us out and also a resource for us. Fred mentioned how we need knowledgeable volunteers to step up and help maintain it. The consensus seems to be to keep it simple until people step up. I will be trying to keep the digital part updated.

VE testing/HAM CLASS with SCVRA-Chuck WD9GWW----- Chuck shared the info regarding the weekend license class and Sunday VE session. They are in need of VE's and knowledgeable, experienced instructors. A few of our VE's offered to be there for the Sunday afternoon session. Suggestion to possibly offer this opportunity to county and local hospital staff. Contact Chuck for more info.

Digital workshop- Mark KC9GHQ----- I gave a quick commercial for the workshop. All are welcome. Eat pizza.

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Echolink/IRLP -Mark KC9GHQ-----Consensus seems to be that we don't add EL or IRLP to our primary repeater at this time. Possibly for special events, etc. we may setup a temporary, closely monitored link. Those interested in Echolink are encouraged to setup simplex nodes on their own and let folks "test drive" them. Echolink is also available as a VOIP app. you can use via your computer soundcard, or if in Osceola, use Chuck's IRLP node 4176 on 446.575 103.5 tone (I think that's right...)

Anyone interested in an election?----- Sure, why not? Rick W9WS was affirmed as President. Chris KC9NVV as Vice President, and Carlos N9GIM remains as our Treasurer. Congratulations officers!

Hogtie, kidnap and hamulate a SECRETARY that can type this stuff faster than my 5wpm. -PRICELESS ... ANYONE HELP!!! (prefer sense of humor, but we'll take a grump, if they can type fast)----- No one so far, so you're stuck with me... I'll try not to turn into a grump.....

Ideas for fun, non boring, non agenda driven meetings-ANYONE!!! I UNDERSTAND we have to have meetings sometimes... This one is a good example. But I'm doing a digital workshop. I'm still waiting for someone to offer a bench equipment workshop. I'd love to come. Maybe I just have to go spend a week at Steve's house! I'll bring my VOM... and a bunch of stuff I need fixed!----- We was in a hurry at this point, so didn't discuss..... Still a nice idea....

Mark KC9GHQ