

Polk County Amateur Radio Association  
Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2009  
Mark Wien KC9GHQ



Greetings,

We will be meeting at the Thirsty Otter in balsam Lake for breakfast at 8 AM. At 9 we will go to the government center basement lunchroom for our meeting. I've received some items from some that we might discuss:

Treasurers report-Carlos N9GIM---SOME PEOPLE PAID DUES TODAY. I FORGOT OUR BALANCE. SORRY... WERE IN THE BLACK. THATS WHAT I KNOW FOR SURE. :^) If you have not paid your yearly dues, this would be a good time. Carlos the Enforcer will take your money.

Net report comments from Mike-KC9JIK(not present) Mark KC9GHQ---- MANY EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK MIKE DOES AS NET MNGR. THANKS TO MIKE ,AND HE'S ALWAYS LOOKING FOR ALTERNATE NCS STATIONS. WE ALSO DISCUSSED NET PROCEDURE AND SKYWARN ISSUES.

License class/test session update -Chuck WD9GWG----- CHUCK SHOWED US A TENTATIVE POSTER AND OTHER EVENT MATERIALS FROM THE SCVRA GROUP. WE DISCUSSED OUR VE'S AND WAYS WE CAN ADVERTISE THIS EVENT TO OTHERS.

Oral tribute to Dick Fabrinni for his association with our club. Chuck-WD9GWG, CHUCK SHARED HOW DICK WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL AS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE CLUB WITH THE COUNTY. HIS ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM FOR PCARA WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

MANY THANKS ALSO TO PAUL IVERSON-AA9FW AND JIM DELANEY-N9QFW WHO WERE BEFORE MY TIME AND WITH DICK, PAVED THE WAY FOR MUCH OF WHAT WE HAVE NOW!

Meeting at Justice center next month. Chuck-WD9GWG----- CHUCK HAS SPOKEN WITH KATHY P AND MOTION WAS MADE TO TENTATIVELY PLAN FOR NEXT MONTHS MEETING TO BE AT THE JUSTICE CENTER .CHUCK WILL HAVE A PRESENTATION FOR THE CLUB REGARDING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION.

ARES/RACES - Fred AB9LV----- FRED MENTIONED THERE WAS NOT MUCH TO REPORT IN ARES/ RACES (HOPE I DIDNT MISS ANYTING, FRED...) RICK W9WS BROUGHT THE I.D CARD PHOTOS HE TOOK OF MEMBERS LAST MONTH AND RED HAD US SIGN THE CARDS AND HE WILL LAMINATE THEM AND GET THEM BACK TO US.

Project Roundup discussion- Chris-KC9NVV----- CHRIS DISCUSSED POLK/BURNETT PROJECT ROUNDUP, A GRANT PROGRAM FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE POLK COUNTY. WE DISCUSSED FUNDING FOR TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT, AND MOTION WAS MADE TO HAVE CHRIS APPLY TO THEM FOR OUR CLUB.

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ALSO THERE WAS OTHER DISCUSSION REGARDING GRANTS  
AND THE GRANT PROCESS.

Digital workshop report/packet/Winlink update-Mark-KC9GHQ--- THANKS TO ALL WHO  
ATTENDED THE WORKSHOP.

THANK YOU TO BRUCE-N0VOW FOR HIS ECHOLINK PRESENTATION. THANK  
YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TOWARDS THAT GOOD PIZZA! SORRY ABOUT THE  
"COAL FIRED" INTERNET :^)

CHRIS -KC9NVV WILL HOPEFULLY HAVE HIS RMS NODE UP THIS WEEK

LUCUS--KC9KYO NOW HAS AN OUTPOST PACKET STATION ONLINE.

website update?----- RICK -W9WS HAS BEEN WORKING WITH GREG-  
N9CHA,STEVE-N0XC, AND CHUCK-WD9GWG ON THIS. GREG HAS OFFERED TO  
MAINTAIN OUR WEBSITE FOR US.- DISCUSSION ABOUT OUR DOMAIN NAME.  
RICK IS IN CONTACT WITH STEVE AND GREG ON THIS.

RICK W9WS --- DISCUSSED SOME ON OUR NEW REPEATER COORDINATION.  
PAPERWORK IS IN AND AT THIS POINT WAITING FOR COORDINATORS TO  
FINISH THEIR WORK. (RICK, HOPE I GOT THAT RIGHT...)

AFTERWARDS A FEW OF US WENT TO THE RADIO SHACK TO INSTALL  
SOFTWARE AND GOOF OFF.

ID JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU WHO TAKE THE TIME TO  
MAKE SURE STUFF GETS DONE IN OUR CLUB. --- RICK, MIKE, CHRIS, CHUCK,  
FRED, CARLOS, AND OTHERS.

IT WAS NEAT WATCHING EACH ONE 'DO THEIR THING' TODAY.KEEP UP THE  
GOOD WORK!

MARK KC9GHQ