



Polk County Amateur
Radio Association
1732 Forest Circle
Balsam Lake, WI 54810

August 14, 2010 Meeting minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**RICK W9WS, CHUCK WD9GWG, MARK W9GWG, ED W9ABA, CARLOS N9GIM,
CHRIS KC9NVV, MARK KC9GHQ, GREG N9CHA**

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Rick W9WS

TREASURERS REPORT-

Carlos N9GIM – report on our Checkbook balance and expenses.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE MENTIONED

NEW BUSINESS

TOWER SHACK VENTILATION- GREG N9CHA

Greg shared his findings from the tower shack packet telemetry data. Rick will talk with Kathy P regarding cutting in some ventilation grilles into the shack. Mark KC9GHQ will obtain grilles and install if approved.

TRI BANDER REPAIR- GREG N9CHA

The shack HF tri-bander elements were misaligned during recent WX events. We will realign them after Sept. meeting.

ANTENNA INSTALL ON GOV'T CENTER SIDE ARM-GREG N9CHA

Discussion regarding installing a dual band antenna for the 70 cm packet link to radio shack. Greg N9CHA will donate antenna, and we will install it after Sept. meeting.

TOWER SHACK BATTERY CHECKS- GREG N9CHA

Discussion regarding need to monitor repeater shack back-up battery water monthly. Rick W9WS will check it when possible, and it was suggested we make it a task done monthly after or before club meetings. There is a pencil and card near battery for logging.

EXTRA CLASS SESSIONS- GREG N9CHA

Greg N9CHA has offered to teach an Extra class this winter. After discussion, Jan, Feb. and March sessions seemed the most practical. Greg will poll the Yahoo group to determine interest.

OSCEOLA HOSPITAL- EMCOMM? - GREG N9CHA

Rick from Osceola Hospital contacted the club regarding the ham radio equipment necessary to hook up to the antenna and power supply which have already been installed. Rick is the new communications and emergency preparedness person. Diana KC9SLN works at the Hospital and is a new club member. She will discuss ham radio participation with Rick so cooperation can be established.

"QSL MEMBERS" PAGE- WEBSITE- GREG N9CHA

Greg reported that after talking to Mike KC9JIK, the idea came up to provide a place on the website for members to share pictures and personal interest info. Check it out! Send stuff to Greg N9CHA-webmaster.

SKYWARN UPDATE-CHRIS KC9NVV

Chris thanked NCS stations and all who have participated. Discussion about giving spotter numbers at check in, making sure we keep communications during nets to reportable conditions, and proper net procedure regarding checking in and out for safety of spotters in field. NCS stations will be reinforcing this to spotters.

T-SHIRT UPDATE- MARK W9GWG

Mark reported research he's done regarding club logo embroidered shirts, and possibly hats. For more info, contact Mark W9GWG

SKYWARN APRS BEACON KITS-MARK KC9GHQ

Mark asked about possibility of obtaining grant money to provide APRS beacon kits to enable Skywarn NCS's to have visual data for tracking spotters in field. Discussion consensus that individuals rather than the club should provide their own trackers and how inexpensive kits could be assembled. Mark KC9GHQ and Greg N9CHA will explore this.

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MARK KC9GHQ,SECRETARY