



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

## **January 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

### **Members present:**

**Marv KC9IRT, Mike KC9JIK, Fred AB9LV, Chris KC9NVV, Chuck WD9GWG, Greg N9CHA  
Jon KC9PJG, Mark W9GWG, Rick W9WS, Diana KC9SLN, Len Breure  
Josh KC9QXN, Mark KC9GHQ**

### **OPEN- RICK W9WS, PRESIDENT**

#### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Carlos N9GIM was not present today. No report was given. Greg N9CHA collected dues and will pass them along to Carlos.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

(Due to foul weather in December 2010, the election of officers was delayed until the January 2011 meeting.) No other candidates were nominated for any of the officer positions. The 2010 leadership team were re-nominated by unanimous consent. All of the officers accepted the nomination. Congratulations to the following:

Pursuant to club by-laws, the election of officers was completed through paper ballot:

Rick W9WS-president  
Mark-W9GWG-vice president  
Carlos-N9GIM-treasurer  
Mark- KC9GHQ-secretary

#### **ARES/RACES Emergency Coordinator CANDIDATE RECOMMENDATION & VOTE. Nomination made by MARK W9GWG to have Chris KC9NVV presented to the Northwest Section DEC as our Polk County EC.**

Chris KC9NVV was approved by the club as Polk EC candidate. Results were sent to Ares/Races leadership for final approval.

Fred AB9LV was thanked by those present for his previous service in the EC position.

#### **COUNTY VHF/UHF CHANNEL listing: MARK W9GWG, CHRIS KC9NVV, JOSH KC9QXN**

A numbered channel/frequency list prepared by Josh, Chris and Mark was passed around. Discussion to provide it to the club for their use. Greg N9CHA recommended the programming file (Yaesu FT-8800) be made available on the YahooGroups forum since so many of the club members own this dual-band radio.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ARES/RACES UPDATE- CHRIS KC9NVV**

Chris KC9NVV advised the club on ARES/RACES matters including Gary Sorenson becoming the state SEC, discussion on ID cards, and praised us on our involvement in ARES/RACES. Chris proposed a change be made to the [www.n9xh.org](http://www.n9xh.org) web site. Replace "Emergency Communications" with "ARES/RACES" as the navigation link to the Emergency Communications web page. Greg N9CHA made the change during the meeting.

### **K0KFC TRIBAND BEAM PURCHASE - MARK W9GWG**

Mark reported that Jim K0KFC has agreed to sell the club the triband HF beam we've borrowed for Field Day for \$50 Motion by Len Breure, Second by Fred AB9LV. Motion passed. Thank you, Jim!

### **MONDAY NIGHT NET DISCUSSION- MARK W9GWG**

Mark and Mike KC9JIK (net manager) reported on some changes to the Monday night net. The net will now be called The Monday Night PCARA ARES/RACES Net. A net control schedule was passed around, and various members signed up to do NCS duties. Other members are encouraged to sign up! The schedule and net script will be posted on the club's web site [www.n9xh.org](http://www.n9xh.org)

### **TRIBAND BEAM REPAIR- MARK W9GWG**

Mark reported that he'd contacted the power company about having one of their bucket trucks come and straighten our Cushcraft A3S beam and check the other elements for us. The reflector was tweaked out of parallel by a strong wind storm last fall. The power company technicians agreed to come and help us out. The cost will be approx. \$50. Mark W9GWG will coordinate. Additional spare antenna parts will be purchased by the club for club members owning this type of beam and kept at the shack for purchase as needed. Greg N9CHA will obtain parts.

**SHACK PACKET STATION PRIMER- MARK KC9GHQ** Mark handed around for review the new simplified Outpost primer for the SHACK packet station. It was designed so that in event of exercise or emergency, non packet trained hams could operate the station if needed. Local packet BBS'S (mailboxes) and Winlink RMS gateway nodes are pre-programmed for easier use. It will be posted near the station.

### **EXTRA CLASS STUDY GROUP- GREG N9CHA**

Greg has organized an Extra Class Study Group for those wishing to upgrade. The classes are being held in the Multi-Purpose room at the Justice Center. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. The web site has more details.

### **OSCILLOSCOPE DEMO BY N0XC- FEB. MEETING- RICK W9WS**

Rick reported that Steve N0XC will be giving a scope training demo next month after the club meeting.

### **CLOSE- Rick W9WS**

Sincerely,  
MARK KC9GHQ, SECRETARY