



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

APRIL 9TH 2011 Meeting minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

RICK-W9WS, MARV KC9IRT, MIKE KK9MC, DIANA KC9SLN, LEN KC9TPV, BILL KC9TPU,
RUTH KC9LVL, MARK W9GWG, JOHN N0TCN, CARLOS N9GIM, GREG N9CHA,
MARK KC9GHQ. NEW MEMBER- MICHELLE KC9TYL

OPEN - Rick W9WS

TREASURERS REPORT-

Carlos N9GIM – report on our Checkbook balance.

OLD BUSINESS

FIELD DAY- MARK W9GWG

Mark passed around sign up sheet. Motion by Len KC9TPV, second by Carlos N9GIM to have FD at dump site again this year. Approved.

Suggestion discussed of ARES/RACES group possibly setting up at alternate location to demonstrate and simulate field conditions as a training opportunity.

Dumpsite operating bands this year will be 6,10,15,20 and 40 meters. Dump site will be a 3A setup.

It was decided that SSB and digital operations on same band will NOT happen simultaneously this year due to interference potential.

John N0TCN offered his QTH in Centuria for operations.

Rick W9WS asked for help in retuning triband beam for FD. He will coordinate.

Motion by Len KC9TPV, second by Carlos N9GIM for club to purchase 15 and 40 meter bandpass filters for FD and club events. Approved.

SHACK INTERNET ACCESS-GREG N9CHA

Greg proposed a letter of thanks be written from the club to Todd Demers, county IT for providing Internet to our radio shack. Greg will draft the letter and submit to club leadership for approval and signatures.

REMOTE RECEIVE SITE –GREG N9CHA

Greg reported on progress assembling hardware for St. Croix river area receive site.

NEW BUSINESS

MONDAY NIGHT NET- MARK W9GWG

Mark reported that he'd talked to Mike KC9JIK and that Mark will for now, take over net manager responsibilities. He passed an NCS sign up sheet around. Members are encouraged to sign up.

NEW BUSINESS (CON'T)

ONE CALL RENEWAL- MARK W9GWG

Motion by Mark W9GWG, second by Mike KK9MC to renew the One Call notification system. Approved.

GR LEVEL 3 CLUB PURCHASE-MARK W9GWG

Discussion and consensus to not purchase program by club as software provides individual license only. Individuals so inclined may purchase program. Suggestions made to explore other avenues to keep WX spotters safe in field and provide real time WX data to spotters such as television, APRS and net procedures.

FREDERIC TOWER DISCUSSION- GREG N9CHA

Greg asked those present for ideas for use of tower space if granted. Discussion followed and Greg will approach state contact asking about possibility of an APRS station.

MAY OUTPOST PACKET WORKSHOP UPDATE- -MARK KC9GHQ

Mark passed around Outpost "syllabus"- for review by those present and briefly explained content of workshop. Workshop will be a closed network allowing students to use approximately 7 workstations to access a clone of our N9XH packet station. Greg N9CHA reported that this will be a unique opportunity to see and use this many types of packet stations in one place. Anyone interested in packet is encouraged to attend.

POLK COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE GROUP –MICHELLE KC9TYL

Greg N9CHA introduced Michelle who explained the mission of PCSR. Michelle was recently licensed and expressed interest in how amateur radio could benefit their communications, as the groups previous radio communications efforts were not providing good coverage in varying terrain. Michelle invited our group to practice with them on July 8th in an exercise at the Kennedy Mill park near Amery. Diana KC9SLN and Len KC9TPV will work with Michelle on amateur radio procedure, hardware and resources before then. Please contact Len or Diana for more information.

CLOSE

Rick W9WS

MARK KC9GHQ, SECRETARY