



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

June 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes

**Present: W9WS, AG9K, W9GWG, W0CON, W9ABA, KC9PJG, KB9OBF,
KC9TPV, KC9SLN, KC9JIK, KC9IRT, KC9UFN, KC9TYM**

OPEN- W9WS

TREASURERS REPORT- The balance of the checkbook was reported.

OLD BUSINESS

FIELD DAY- Mark W9GWG

Mark reported the outhouse will be there, the motor home is ready, and there will be enough radios and laptops. The motor home will be there and according to Kathy, the grass should be mowed. KC9IRT Marv was asked to bring his mower just in case it's needed.

There was discussion on the antenna class for the 15 meter dipole along with PSK31 operating times. Josh volunteered to take care of the food and submitted a food proposal to the club. Josh will take care of the transportation of equipment and cooking the food. Josh also asked club members to donate a little to cover the cost of the food. The club is not paying for food.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

There was five ARES/RACES members involved in the drill; KC9TYM, KC9TYL, KC9TPV, KC9SLN, and KC9NVV.

Chris KC9NVV opened the discussion stating that the exercise went well. Michelle agreed and added there are possibly more members of the Polk County Mounted Search and Rescue team that may be interested in getting their amateur license. KC9TPV Len, KC9SLN Diana, And KC9NVV Chris set up the net. There were about fifteen riders spread across about two miles.

Len KC9TPV brought up the need to have another three person team for net control and relay duties as relief in a real call up.

Chris KC9NVV mentioned that the K-9 search and rescue is interested in having an exercise possibly in the fall.

ARES/RACES- Chris KC9NVV

Chris KC9NVV reported that Skywarn is going well. The NWS is looking for more ground truth this year. Accurate reporting of hail size was the primary concern. Gary Sorensen (SEC) told Chris that we have one of the better run nets. He commented on how well we are at only reporting and talking when necessary. Good Job everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWER SHACK VENTILATION

It was brought up that the repeater shack is getting too warm some days for the design and age of our repeater. A suggestion to ask the county if we could put a small air conditioner in the repeater shack was mentioned. After some discussion, it was noted that the other ventilation project was never completed. The club voted to proceed with the previously approved ventilation project first. If that doesn't help the discussion may be reopened.

BOY SCOUTS

Mark W9GWG met with a scout leader to discuss the possibility of our club helping with the Boy Scouts getting their communication badges.

CLOSE- W9WS

JOSH AG9K, ACTING SECRETARY

