



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

October 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Members present:

**Rick W9WS, Chris KC9NVV, Greg N9CHA, Bill WY9E, Carlos N9GIM, Mike KK9MC,
Mark W9GWG, Steve NØXC, Josh KC9QXN**

OPEN- RICK W9WS, PRESIDENT

TREASURERS REPORT

Carlos N9GIM presented the check book balance as of October 8th.

OLD BUSINESS

CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS IN NOVEMBER – RICK W9WS

Rick reminded the membership that pursuant to the by-laws, nominations for club officer positions will be solicited at the November meeting. Secretary Mark KC9GHQ has informed the officers he no longer wishes to continue in 2012 as club Secretary.

ARES/RACES UPDATE- CHRIS KC9NVV

Chris KC9NVV reported the SET conducted on Oct. 1st went well. There were lessons learned which were shared with all who participated. The NET report has been published to the N9XH web site. Chris reported this year's scores are vastly improved over last year. He also reported the Polk County Mobile EOC was put to use and driven to Frederic and set up as a command post.

NEW BUSINESS

JOTA – STEVE NØXC

Steve NØXC reported that the Osceola Boy Scout Troup may participate in the Jamboree On The Air, October 15th and 16th. Some members suggested the Scouts use the club ham shack. Steve said there may be several communications demonstrations. Other members described their early involvement with radio including building crystal radio sets.

MONDAY NIGHT NET – MARK W9GWG

Mark asked for volunteers to fill the net operations slots available in January 2012.

REPEATER NOISE UPDATE – GREG N9CHA

Greg reported that through information he received from Mark W9GWG and Chris KC9NVV, he had been trying to work with the wrong person at Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company to try and mitigate the wide-band noise emanating from the new power sub-station on 150th Street in Balsam Lake. The new contact is John J. Richards. Emails between Greg and Mr. Richards have been successful. Mr. Richards has suggested a pro-active plan after the week of October 17th when work in and around the Village of Balsam Lake would be completed. Greg will continue to monitor the noise and report back to the club as the situation develops.

FUTURE PROJECTS – STEVE NØXC AND GREG N9CHA

- 1) Steve NØXC will be presenting his 2nd installment of how to use an oscilloscope at a future meeting. Announcements will be made using the Yahoo Groups email reflector.
- 2) Greg N9CHA presented the group with 3 possible projects:
After the November meeting, those members who wish to participate will assemble “tape measure yagi” antennas built from PVC pipe and used 3/4” wide tape measures. These VHF models will then be used to conduct a “fox hunt” in and around the Government Center. Project adopted.
- 3) Assemble various test equipment and tools to build a “test bench” or “work bench” in the ham shack. Several members enthusiastically suggested used test gear they had could be used for the effort. Project adopted.
- 4) During the winter months, Greg suggested another project to build an iGate. This would involve computer software, radio programming and the building of an TNC-X. Project adopted.

REQUEST FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT – CHRIS KC9NVV

Chris requested funds from the club to reimburse him for travel expenses to the State ARES/RACES meeting this month. Motion by Mark W9GWG, 2nd by Mike KK9MC. Motion passed and the club treasurer issued a check in the sum of \$180 to Chris.

CLOSE- Rick W9WS

Sincerely,
MARK KC9GHQ, SECRETARY
(This month’s minutes taken by Greg, N9CHA)