



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

Dec. 10th 2011 Meeting minutes

Members Present:

**GREG N9CHA, MARK W9GWG, RICK W9WS, CARLOS N9GIM, STEVE NØXC,
BEN KC9ROI, BILL WY9E, BILL K9WEN, MIKE KK9MC, MICHELE KC9TYM,
ROBERT KD6TWC, JOSH AG9K, MARK KC9GHQ**

OPEN-RICK W9WS

TREASURERS REPORT-

Carlos N9GIM – report on our Checkbook balance.

OLD BUSINESS

DONATED RADIO UPDATE-MARK W9GWG for KC9NVV

-Batteries for donated HT radios are here, Chris is working on re-programming.

REPEATER NOISE UPDATE-MARK W9GWG

-Mark met with utility reps. The utility has taken the information Mark/Greg provided and will be working on a possible solution after diagnosing the cause of the noise. The lineman from Northwest said they have a working agreement with other power companies in the area. Mark suggested to the lineman that Excel Energy has the noise detection tools and expertise necessary. The lineman said he'd relate that information to his management.

NEW BUSINESS

MONDAY NIGHT NET- MARK W9GWG

-Mark asked for and signed up some NCS volunteers for this coming quarter. If you'd like to volunteer as NCS, please contact Mark

CHRISTMAS NET- MARK W9GWG

-Mark suggested doing a Christmas net. Those present approved. Net will be at 9 pm on Christmas. There was also discussion about a New Year's net. Yet to be announced.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS-MARK W9GWG

- Monies were received for membership renewal. All members are encouraged to pay their 2012 dues!

PCARA TO SUPPORT ARISS CONTACT WITH FARNSWORTH AEROSPACE SCHOOL
IN ST. PAUL-GREG N9CHA

-PCARA has been invited to provide support for and facilitate an ARISS contact in approximately the 2nd week in May. Greg spoke about the ARISS program and an overview of the contact. Interested volunteers are encouraged to talk to Greg N9CHA for more details. A motion was made and passed that the PCARA would be the club to support the ARISS contact.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS- RICK W9WS

- Mike Calvert KK9MC was the only nominee for the secretary position and was approved by the members present. No other positions were contested.

ARES/RACES-JOSH AG9K

New EC Josh reported that he has appointed Mark W9GWG as his assistant EC and Mark KC9GHQ as his Digital Advisor.

CLOSE- Rick W9WS

Due to family commitments, Steve N0XC was unable to do the Oscilloscope demo today. He hopes to do it at a later time.

MARK KC9GHQ, SECRETARY