



Polk County Amateur Radio Association  
1732 Forest Circle  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
**February 9, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT--** Chuck WD9GWW, Ed W9ABA, Bill WY9E, Fred AB9LV, Mark W9GWW, Steve KC9WKY, Rick W9WS, Chris KC9NVV, Mel KF6OZ, Marv KC9IRT, Mike KC9JIK, Dan KB9OBF, Greg N9CHA, Mark KC9GHQ

**OPEN-** RICK W9WS

**TREASURERS REPORT --**CHRIS KC9NVV -Chris reported our current checkbook balance.

**OLD BUSINESS--** none

**NEW BUSINESS--**

**Polk Burnett grant--** Rick W9WS/Chris KC9NVV

-PCARA received a grant check from Polk Burnett for \$500- Thanks to Chris KC9NVV and others for applying for and obtaining this grant!

**70 CM repeater project report-** Greg N9CHA

- Greg reported that Centurylink is not interested in donating internet access to us, but other private avenues are being explored.

He reported that the IRLP board for the repeater arrived and will be installed soon.

Also, WAR is working on coordinating a clear 70 cm repeater pair for us and Greg will report when approved.

**Emergency power--** Chuck WD9GWW

Chuck inquired about availability of and condition of emergency power at our repeater and APRS sites. The 3 year old deep cycle battery at the tower site has tested only fair and will probably be replaced this year.

Plans are in the works to install a UPS system at the KC9NVV-3 APRS site. A gel cell or deep cycle battery will probably need to be purchased.

Mark W9GWW offered his load tester for testing the tower site battery.

**ADJOURN-** Mark W9GWW motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chris KC9NVV seconded.

Following the meeting, Greg N9CHA, Chris KC9NVV and Mark KC9GHQ moved the N9XH-10 RMS station back to the penthouse and reinstalled the SHACK packet station back into the radio shack.

Dates to remember--

Feb 23rd- Birkie ski race-

May 18th--SCVRA doing communications for 5K run- -Willow river park-Hudson

See Chris KC9NVV for more details on both...

St. Cloud MN hamfest- Feb. 16th-- more info at [WWW.W0SV.ORG](http://WWW.W0SV.ORG)

Minutes submitted by Mark KC9GHQ