



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

April 13, 2013
Polk County Government Center
Balsam Lake, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan KB9OBF, Ed W9ABA, Robert KD6TWC, Mark W9GWG, Rick W9WS, Chuck WD9GWG, Greg N9CHA, Steve KC9WKY, Mark WM9E, Mel KF6OZ, Bill WY9E, Carlos N9GIM, John KC9PJG, Marv KC9IRT, Fred AB9LV, Dennis KB9SOX, Greg W9GDH

OPEN-Rick W9WS

TREASURERS REPORT- Chris KC9NVV

Rick W9WS presented the clubs checkbook balance on behalf of Chris.

OLD BUSINESS

Field day -Mark W9GWG

Mark W9GWG asked the membership if the Polk County Sherriff's Department parking lot was ok for hosting FD again the year. All agreed. Mel KF6OZ volunteered to bring his portable 47' trailer mounted tower for use. It takes about 1.5 hours to set up. All thought this was a nice offer and commented regarding its use.

Mark W9GWG asked the membership if someone would like to write and distribute this years Field Day Press Release. Dan KB9OBF volunteered to take on those duties.

Mark W9GWG announced he will be sending out invitations to Polk County officials announcing our Field Day operations on June 22-23.

Mark W9GWG has asked Josh AG9K if he'd like to cook again this year. No response from Josh yet, but Mark will make contact and report back at the next meeting.

N9XH T-shirts- Mark W9GWG

Shirts are \$10.-- Callsign also is another \$3 Contact Mark W9GWG

NEW BUSINESS

One-Call Annual Payment –Rick W9WS

The One-Call invoice is due. Rick asked the membership if the club should re-new the annual contract by paying the fee associated with its use. Motion to pay: Dan KB9OBF. Second by Bill WY9E. Motion passed. Treasurer Chris KC9NVV will be directed to pay the invoice.

Reimbursement for DB-404 Antenna and MSR-2000 Repeater Parts-Mark W9GWG

Greg N9CHA was able to purchase a used DB-404 UHF antenna from Paul W9DWP for use on the new repeater. He also was able to purchase a complete VHF repeater to be used as spare/back-up parts for the clubs VHF repeater. Motion by Mark W9GWG, second by Ed W9ABA. Club to reimburse Greg

\$200. At that moment, Chuck WD9GWW offered \$50 to the club for the antenna & repeater. The club now will reimburse Greg \$150.

N9XH UHF Repeater Progress Report- Greg N9CHA

The UHF repeater 443.725 is on the air at its test location. Greg showed pictures of the repeater hardware and discussed how it was integrated. The IRLP node was installed utilizing a Raspberry Pi computer. The Node Number is 3443. Just as the presentation started, Mark WM9E and his wife Sylvia entered the meeting room with a Birthday Cake for Greg N9CHA. All of the members sang and wished Greg a happy day... (55 on April 14). Greg expressed his heartfelt thanks to all involved. Then the discussion about the UHF repeater and IRLP node continued. The final installation to the tower in Balsam Lake will occur as soon as Len N9QIP, the tower maintenance expert from Arlington, WI becomes available. Rick W9WS reported he completed an inventory of equipment the club received from a previous installation. 200' of 7/8" heliax, side-arm mounting kit, mast pipe and clamps.

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Greg N9CHA cut up the birthday cake and shared it with the membership.

Everyone then walked down to the ham shack where Greg N9CHA and Chuck WD9GWW demonstrated the use of IRLP. Greg contacted his brother Glen KE7FZX node 3992 in Lake Stevens, WA. Chuck made contact with Mike a former local ham who now lives in Canada.

Submitted by Greg N9CHA on behalf of Secretary Mike KK9MC