



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

8/10/13

In Attendance: Steve KC9WKY, Mark W9GWW, Wayne KC9RBL, Ed W9ABA, Greg W9GDH, Jack W9JET, Mel KF6OZ, Robert KD6TWC, Chris KC9NVV, Bill K9WEN, Rick W9WS, Steve N0XC

Treasures Report:

Treasurer Chris KC9NVV - Discussed the current checking account balance. Beginning with the August 2013 meeting, it was decided to solicit funds to pay for the monthly internet fees by passing around a donation can. Donations are completely voluntary.

Old Business:

Field Day 2013 - Mark W9GWW - No additional information. See web site for details.

New Business:

North Pines Search and Rescue Event - Mark W9GWW - Discussion about the support of served agencies. Chris KC9NVV will meet with leadership of the North Pines mounted Search and Rescue to work on protocols. The group also discussed how and when the ARES/RACES group is activated and what might be expected if/when the group is activated.

Polk/Barron County repeater linking project. Rick W9WS, Mark W9GWW, Greg W9GDH and Chris KC9NVV informed the club members of a meeting held during the previous week to discuss the details of how the two repeater might be linked. There is currently a grant provided by the Minnesota Skywarn Workshop which the club has applied for. Chris KC9NVV told the group that the grant will be awarded in September and that our club has a good shot at the funding.

N9XH UHF/IRLP Repeater - Rick W9WS updated the group on the status of the new repeater. On Friday the 9th, Rick W9WS, Chris KC9NVV and Greg N9CHA installed the UHF repeater at the tower shack. A DSL line was also installed by CenturyLink. All of the equipment has been checked out and working well. Currently the repeater is utilizing an antenna at the 150' position on the tower until the new antenna gets installed at 190'. All members are encouraged to use the new repeater and IRLP Node 3443.

Steve N0XC told the club about the October 19th Boy Scouts jamboree with more information coming next month

Respectfully Submitted, Chris KC9NVV on behalf of Secretary Mike KK9MC.