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**April 11, 2015**

Polk County Government Center - Balsam Lake - Wisconsin

**Attendance:** Rick W9WS, Bill WY9E, Kevin KC9EMJ, William KD9DIV, Thomas KD9DIW, Wayne KC9RBL, Steve N0XC, Ben KC9ROI

**09:00 am Meeting Called to Order:** Rick W9WS, President, called the meeting to order. New members: William KD9DIV and his brother Thomas KD9DIW. Congratulations on passing your Technician Class license.

**Treasurers Report:** Chris KC9NVV, PCARA Treasurer

- Reported the club's bank balance. (via email to Rick)

**Old Business:** Rick W9WS, PCARA President

- System Fusion Breakfast - Greg, Chris, Mark2, Rick. March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am. Rick talked about the System Fusion Group breakfast meeting – it went well. Everyone is still learning, and it appears they are looking at Greg for guidance as he has spent a lot of time working with our system. There were more questions than answers from most of the group.
- One Call payment for annual subscription. Chris has re-signed for 1 year.
- Skywarn Spotter Class – PCARA ARES/RACES 30 Minute Introduction – Milltown Boy Scout Troup 563 – April 9<sup>th</sup> – Milltown Community Center. Talked about the Skywarn classes in Milltown and how the Boy Scouts were there. Steve talked about a Boy Scout Jamboree that is the third weekend in October and that they are going to include radio in the event, including the use of the Polk County Emergency van. They are planning another transmitter hunt. The event includes a camp over. The equipment will be set up Friday night, and the event will be Saturday, and conclude Sunday morning.
- Wisconsin QSO Party – March 15<sup>th</sup>. 13:00 to 20:00 Sunday. How did you do? Rick talked about the Wisconsin QSO party that went well. Rick participated from Polk County and Mike from Barron County

**New Business:**

- May meeting program. “How a repeater works” including a live demonstration of hardware. Bring your UHF HT’s.
- June meeting program. “What is an NVIS antenna and how they work” including a live demonstration in a local park if available.

**Skywarn:**

- We have had no Skywarn events yet this season.

**ARES/RACES:**

- Greg N9CHA, Polk EC, Submitted ARES/RACES activity to Chris KC9NVV DEC.

**Field Day:**

- June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>
- Greg N9CHA will not be able to attend. Would someone like to step up and manage this year's FD effort? Discussion as to whether we should participate or not. Wayne mentioned that the St. Croix county group is looking for another group to join forces with as they have only a few people involved. We figure we will do Field Day, but decided to table the topic until the May meeting for further discussion.

**Program:**

- Steve talked about learning CW and his experience of an 8 week course. He did make it to 20 words per minute and explained that he had to relearn CW as a language rather than looking at it as a bunch of dots and dashes.
- Steve had also brought in some items to give out - audio amps and microphone pre-amps.
- Ben has an Eagle Scout project he showed us. Hunting and hiking trails. Worked with county, shows interactive online map complete with pics of some areas. About 5 miles of trails. Used old smartphones and recorded via GPS. Took info and wrote website. Concept could be used for real time tracking of events via aprs (EmComm). Know exactly where a person is who needs assistance.

**Meeting adjourned:**

Respectfully submitted by

Bill WY9E PCARA Vice President 2015

Greg N9CHA PCARA Secretary and Chris KC9NVV PCARA Treasurer was absent because they were attending the WECOMM Annual Board of Directors Meeting in Suring, WI