



Polk County Amateur Radio Association  
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**October 10, 2015**

Polk County Government Center - Balsam Lake – Wisconsin

**Attendance:** Rick W9WS, John NØTCN, Greg N9CHA, Kevin KC9EMJ, William KD9DIV, Thomas KD9DIW, Mark W9GWG, Chris KC9NVV, Tom AC9LG, Nolan KD9DIN, Dennis KD9DIO, Rick W9RGS

**09:12 am Meeting Called to Order:** Rick W9WS, President, called the meeting to order. Welcome to our guests: Nolan KD9DIN, Dennis KD9DIO, Rick W9RGS. Congratulations to Rick for becoming a new member of the PCARA! Welcome Rick W9RGS!

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

- Reported the club's bank balance.

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

- Greg N9CHA PCARA Repeater Tech – System Fusion repeater with CAT-250 controller and links was installed September 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Chris KC9NVV and his son Gavin, Rick W9WS & Bruce N9BLU for all their help. The installation went very smoothly. The repeater does have a battery backup. A DC-DC supply will be installed soon to provide power to the Echolink computer. Some additional programming is required to eliminate false Echolink connections. During the Monday Night Net and during Weather Nets, the Polk and Barron repeaters are linked.

**New Business:**

- Any updates to the Internet service at the tower shack? Rick W9WS reports no response yet.
- Any updates to the guy wire maintenance at the tower shack? Rick W9WS will look into finding a contractor to give us an estimate.
- November is dues time again. Dues will remain: Individual \$20, Family \$25
- November is also nomination time for Club Officers. Let's all get involved.
- Rick W9WS will be helping William KD9DIV activate a JOTA station on Friday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Skywarn:**

- No reportable WX issues this month.

**ARES/RACES:**

- Greg N9CHA – SET2015 was a success. A comprehensive review will take place at the November meeting.
- Chris KC9NVV and Greg N9CHA will attend the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual State ARES/RACES Conference on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Wisconsin Rapids. Last year's conference review is available: [http://www.wi-aresraces.org/2014\\_conf/index.shtml](http://www.wi-aresraces.org/2014_conf/index.shtml)

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**Program:**

- Build tape measure Yagi antennas. Hold a “fox” hidden transmitter hunt at Pine Park.

**Meeting adjourned: 9:40 am:** Motion by John NØTCN, Second by William KD9DIV

Respectfully submitted by  
Greg N9CHA  
PCARA Secretary 2015