



Polk County Amateur Radio Association
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Polk County Government Center - Balsam Lake – Wisconsin

Attendance: Mark W9GWW, Bill K9WEN, Greg N9CHA, Chris KC9NVV, Rick W9WS, Jon KC9PJG, John NØTCN, William N9DIW, Don W9LRQ, Tom AC9LG, Wayne KC9RBL
Guests: John N9UPC, Wally N9VAO, Kelly N9HAN, Becky Gray

09:00 am Meeting Called to Order: Mark W9GWW, President

- Called the meeting to order. Welcome to our guests: John N9UPC, Wally N9VAO, Kelly N9HAN, Becky Gray.
- New Club Members: Congratulations and thank you! John N9UPC, Kelly N9HAN, Becky Gray

Treasurers Report: Chris KC9NVV, PCARA Treasurer.

- Reported the club's bank balance.
- PayPal working well. It costs the club .82 cents per transaction.

Old Business:

- Chris KC9NVV – PayPal link is on our web site. You can now pay your dues on line.
- Greg N9CHA – VE Testing announcement and email link on web site.
- Greg N9CHA – Meeting program listing is on web site.
- Chris KC9NVV – Announcements of club events on Facebook.
- Dan KB9OBF is our FD2016 Chairman
- Solicit Yaesu (Chris Wilson) to provide Yaesu FT-450D to our club. Letter to Chris is written and being evaluated by the leadership. Greg N9CHA read the letter Mark W9GWW wrote to ask Yaesu for a new HF radio.

New Business:

- Bill K9WEN – Monday night net. Need additional Net Control Ops for 2016. Bill announced the net time is changing with Daylight Savings Time and starting on the 14th of March, the net will be at 9pm.
- Programs:
 - April 9th – Noel Petit WBØVGI “Space Weather”.
 - May 14th – Field Day Preparations. How to set up a station. Using the N3FJP logging software. How to make a QSO. How to call CQ.
 - June 11th – Field Day Preparations. Build a 40 meter dipole, set it up in the parking lot, test it.
- VE Testing:
 - April 9th – 1pm – 3pm
 - July 9th – 1pm – 3pm
 - October 8th – 1pm – 3pm

- Other new business?
 - Mark W9GWG reported he has been in contact with a tower maintenance company which will be providing a quote for guy line repairs.
 - John N9UPC, EC St. Croix County asked the club if an experiment could be conducted between the St. Croix ARES/RACES net and the PCARA ARES/RACES net? Perhaps try a combined net? Bill K9WEN, Net Manager for the PCARA will contact John to see what arrangements can be made to accommodate the request.
 - Discussion regarding tower maintenance. John N9UPC said he knows a couple more tower companies that we can contact for repair bids. Mark W9GWG will follow up with John.
 - Wally N9VAO, EC Sawyer County expressed his gratitude to Chris KC9NVV and others in our club for assistance during the Birkie 2016. He reported that the Foundation had donated \$2,500 for ham radio equipment. A feature article by Wally can be found at: <http://www.wi-aresraces.org/> web site. In future, Wally said ham radio, in addition to reporting drop-outs, may be required to help with the 9 aid stations for supplies due to a commercial radio failure this year.
 - Wally N9VAO announced the Hayward repeater, 147.255 is now a mixed mode system featuring FM and Yaesu System Fusion.

Skywarn:

- No reportable WX issues this month.
- Chris KC9NVV announced the times, dates and locations for Skywarn training. He reported that all of the local training can be found at: <http://www.weather.gov/mpx/skywarnschedule>

ARES/RACES:

- Greg N9CHA – Chris KC9NVV and Greg N9CHA attended an ARRL Webinar on March 1st. The topic was how to fill out ARES forms.

Petty Cash Report:

- Chris KC9NVV reported \$13 in “the can”

Meeting adjourned: 10:00 am

- Motion by Chris KC9NVV, 2nd Bill K9WEN

Program:

- Kit building. Four kits are going to be built by members. Battery Status Indicator, Code Practice Oscillator, 4 Bit Clock Kit, Super Stereo Ear. Members are to bring their kit building tools.

Respectfully submitted by

Greg N9CHA

PCARA Secretary 2016