



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

Attendance: Mark W9GWG, Greg N9CHA, Chris KC9NVV, Rick W9WS, Jon KC9PJG, Kelly N9HBN, William N9DIW, Tom AC9LG, Wayne KC9RBL, Jack W9JET, Becky Gray, Steve KD9FSQ, Robert KD6TWC, Bruce N9BLU
Guests: Noel WBØVGI, John KØJDD

09:00 am Meeting Called to Order: Mark W9GWG, President

- Called the meeting to order. Welcome to our guests: Noel WBØVGI, John KØJDD.
- New Club Members: Congratulations and thank you! New Call: Steve KD9FSQ

Treasurers Report: Chris KC9NVV, PCARA Treasurer.

- Reported the club's bank balance.
- 1st Quarter 2016 review of expenses and liabilities.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Mark W9GWG – A Special Session of the Board was held on March 16th to discuss the status of the PCARA regarding Incorporation and Tax Exempt status. A discussion of past efforts by club members revealed that the club is not currently either Incorporated, or a Non-Profit Organization. The club does have an FEIN number and is Tax Exempt up to \$5,000/yr.
- Review and submit for adoption: Wisconsin Non-Stock Corporation application. If passed an amendment to the Constitution & Bylaws is required. Motion to submit the proper form to the State of Wisconsin for Non-Stock Corporation status, Rick W9WS, second by Robert KD6TWC. Motion passed.
- Review and submit for comment: Amendments to the PCARA Constitution and Bylaws. Robert KD6TWC provided comment on how this action may open the club up to unwanted exposure to liability. He stated a Corporation is more likely to be subjected to liability issues than an LLC (Limited Liability Corporation). Robert was asked for further clarification on his position and was encouraged to complete additional research and present his findings to the club during the next monthly meeting. No other objection was raised. No motion was made nor adopted to Amend the PCARA Constitution and Bylaws. This paradox places the club in violation if the BoD submits the WI Non-Stock Corporation application which was passed in earlier discussion.
- N9XH Repeater – Tower discussion and introduction to a new (redundant) site at the ARC near East Farmington. This site could be developed as either a redundant site, or new site for club use. Motion by Rick W9WS to develop a plan and organize discussions with the ARC to build out a redundant repeater system, second by Robert KD6TWC. Passed with comment by Kelly N9HBN that the vote is an

authorization to submit plans, apply for frequency coordination, and not a commitment of PCARA funds to complete the project. All agreed. Any monies expended on this project need to be submitted for comment and approved by the club in advance of construction.

- Bill K9WEN – Monday night net. Need additional Net Control Ops for 2016. A signup sheet was passed around for those wishing to be net controls. Steve KD9FSQ asked if he could run the net, members encouraged him to check in a couple of times first to get the rhythm of the net, then take a turn running it in the future.
- VE Testing:
 - July 9th – 1pm – 3pm
 - October 8th – 1pm – 3pm
- Programs:
 - 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.
- Other new business?
 - None

Skywarn:

- No reportable WX issues this month.
- Chris KC9NVV announced the times, dates and locations for Skywarn training. Frederick April 13. Osceola April 16. Kelly N9HBN asked to be included in the April 13 training; Greg N9CHA will notify Kathy Poirier.

ARES/RACES:

- Greg N9CHA – Monthly report was submitted to SEC and DEC.

Petty Cash Report:

- Chris KC9NVV reported \$40 in “the can”

Meeting adjourned: 09:55 am

- Motion by Wayne KC9RBL, 2nd Steve KD9FSQ

Program:

- Noel Petit WBØVGI “Space Weather” A program about the emissions of the sun and their effects on our atmosphere. Explanation of radio wave propagation, the measurement of the geomagnetic fluctuations from measuring points throughout the globe.

Respectfully submitted by

Greg N9CHA

PCARA Secretary 2016