



Polk County Amateur Radio Association  
Meeting Minutes of the Organization  
1732 Forest Circle  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
www.N9XH.org

**August 13, 2016**

Polk County Justice Center - Balsam Lake – Wisconsin

**Attendance:** Mark W9GWG, Bill K9WEN, Tom NØHWY, Rick W9WS, Greg N9CHA, Jack W9JET, Wayne KC9RBL, John N9UPC, John NØTCN, Paul KB9TYC, Don W9LRQ, Dale W9DKB, Kevin KC9EMJ, William N9DIW, Dan KB9OBF, Rick W9RGS

**Meeting Called to Order:** 9:10am Mark W9GWG, President

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

- Reported the club's bank balance. Mark read the report to the group. Chris was on vacation.

**Old Business:**

- Mentor list. Create another category in the roster database to list: Mentor Y/N. Discussion resulted in affirmative, Secretary to add field to Roster.
- Ask members to sign up as a Mentor.
- For Sale items: Members are currently able to post ham radio sale items on the YahooGroups.

**New Business:**

- Bill K9WEN – Monday night net. Need additional Net Control Ops for 2016.
- PCARA will host VE Testing Sessions on a quarterly schedule. October 8<sup>th</sup>: 1:00pm to 3:00pm. VE's to include: Jack W9JET, Wayne KC9RBL, Rick W9WS, Mark W9GWG, Bill K9WEN
- Web domain registration. Need to re-register with current leadership, address. Club owns n9xh.org and pcara.com Motion by Bill K9WE, 2nd by Dan KB9OBF, motion passed. Webmaster Braun to re-register domain name.
- Web hosting. Need to move to a public server (QTH.com). Including email. Estimated price is \$60/yr. Motion by Bill K9WEN, 2nd Rick W9WS. Motion passed.
- Webmaster - Is there someone in the club who would like to take over the clubs web site? Rick W9RGS volunteered to be the club's new webmaster. Braun to move the site to QTH.com servers, pass the credentials to Rick.
- Yahoo Groups - New administrator needed. Suggest Mark and Chris as Owner/Administrator. Braun to change owner to Mark W9GWG.
- Repeater internet link project - Rick W9RGS has completed the tasks involved with provisioning and installing RF linking equipment between the Government Center and the Tower. Thanks also to Polk County Emergency Management and the County IT Department.
- Welcome letter: New Wisconsin SM as of July 1, 2016.
- Welcome letter: New Central Division Director as of July 19, 2016.

- St. Croix ARES/RACES is hosting VE Testing, August 27th, Hudson Justice Center. Contact N9UPC@Yahoo.com for more information
- Other new business?

**Skywarn:**

- Activation during Field Day, Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. A line of strong thunderstorms prompted Chris KC9NVV to activate our Skywarn system.

**ARES/RACES:**

- Greg N9CHA – Monthly report was submitted to SEC and DEC. The Simulated Emergency Test is October 1st. This year we are to work with hospitals, St. Croix, Osceola and Amery. Activate each using antennas and power supplies provided. Accommodate State ARES/RACES plan, 72 hour/3 hour power blackout and internet loss. More details coming in September.

**Petty Cash Report:**

- Chris KC9NVV reported total donations in “the can” None.

10:10am Adjoin

Respectfully submitted by:

Greg N9CHA - Secretary 2016

**Program:**

- John N9UPC, EC for St. Croix County provided an overview of a northwest Wisconsin repeater connectivity plan. Dubbed the "53/63" project, clubs and repeater owners are being notified throughout the region that a plan is being developed to link systems together.