



Polk County Amateur Radio Association
Meeting Minutes of the Organization
1732 Forest Circle
Balsam Lake, WI 54810
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September 10, 2016

Polk County Justice Center - Balsam Lake – Wisconsin

Attendance: Mark W9GWG, Bill K9WEN, Tom NØHWY, Rick W9WS, Greg N9CHA, Jack W9JET, John NØTCN, Don W9LRQ, Steve NØXC, Steve KD9FSQ, Kelly N9HBN, Ed W9ABA

Meeting Called to Order: 9:06am 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. The recently released club roster now includes a field for Mentor. Members are encouraged to sign up. Please let Greg know if you want to be listed or not. Discussion regarding what type of mentor is listed? Suggested a web page be developed using a grid, listing the field of interest and the mentor associated.
- Web domain registration. Registration of the n9xh.org domain, web hosting and email have been switched to qth.com. The new webmaster is Rick N9RB.
- Yahoo Groups - New administrator owners are Mark W9GWG and Chris KC9NVV.
- Internet link to repeater shack is working well. Greg has been trying to get a meeting with Chad to discuss port routing.

New Business:

- Bill K9WEN – Monday night net. Bill reports the net control ops list is complete through the end of the year.
- PCARA will host VE Testing Sessions on a quarterly schedule. October 8th: 1:00pm to 3:00pm
- Mark asked for a report on the newly acquired VHF antenna. Greg and Bill drove to Appleton to pick up the donated antenna on August 31st. Mark asked the club to reimburse Bill for his gas. Motion by Rick W9WS, Second by Steve NØXC & Steve KD9FSQ, motion passed.
- Another topic of a program came up. Kelly N9HBN asked about ham software. What is available, how it works, what is best. Perhaps a demo of various logging programs, digital modes, rig control, satellite tracking, great circle predictions for beam pointing. Also demonstrate different operating systems like Windows, Mac and Linux.

Skywarn:

- No activations in August.

ARES/RACES:

- Greg N9CHA – Monthly report was submitted to SEC and DEC. Plans for SET2016 have been developed with the help of Kathy our EM. Site visits to the 3 area hospitals are being scheduled. Greg will quickly review the scenario.
- In preparation for the SET2016, a "special" simplex net will take place on Monday, September 12th. The repeater will be put into emergency power mode. Simplex 145.56 will be used from 8pm to 9pm. A "one-call" will be issued announcing the special simplex net. Bill K9WEN will be net control with Greg N9CHA asking those participating questions about emergency power.

Petty Cash Report:

- Mark W9GWG reported total donations in "the can" \$31. Greg to give the cash to Chris..

10:02am Adjoin

Respectfully submitted by:

Greg N9CHA - Secretary 2016

Program:

- Tom NØHWY. Remote Base - How to set up your ham shack as a remote operation. The presentation included a PowerPoint presentation and a live demonstration. Tom talked to his friend Joe K1IKE in Connecticut on 75 meter phone.
- The impetus of the project was to support Tom's father which enabled him to talk to his buddies while living in an assisted living apartment, then later at a nursing home.
- Tom uses the "RRC-1258" from www.remoterig.com to connect his Kenwood TS-480 to the internet and remote antenna shack near Salem, Connecticut.
- Various custom accessories were shown to control power and serial controlled features.