



Polk County Amateur Radio Association  
Meeting Minutes of the Organization  
1732 Forest Circle  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
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**February 11, 2017**

Polk County Justice Center - Balsam Lake – Wisconsin

**Attendance:** Chris KC9NVV, Don W9LRQ, Jack W9JET, Russ WQ0N, Mark W9GWG, Gary WA9IWT, Steve KD9FSQ, Ryan KD9HSC, Bruce N9BLU, John N9UPC, Rick W9WS, Greg N9CHA, Gale WD9HFT, Kelly 9HBV. Guests: John KOJDD, Bo Ahlstrom

**Meeting Called to Order:** 9:13am by Chris KC9NVV, President

**Introductions:** Welcome John KOJDD. John was present to provide the APRS program.

**Treasurers Report:** Jack W9JET

- Reported the club's bank balance.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Dues reminder: Chris KC9NVV reminded all members about dues. The roster and Yahoo group will be flushed after today of all members that have not paid their dues.
- Club shirts: Chris KC9NVV will be placing the shirt order on Monday; today was the last chance to request one.
- Antenna at Government Center: The tri-band beam at the Government Center has been taken down. It was determined that the boom needs to be replaced, as well as all end caps for the elements. Much discussion ensued regarding possible solutions, i.e. purchase the part new, use an existing part supplied by a member, etc. No formal decision was reached as to how we will proceed.
- Internet/Echolink/AllStar: Greg N9CHA updated the status of the internet for the tower. The connectivity is good, however the county does not want to provide the TCP and UDP ports that are needed at this time. Greg is working on setting up a proxy server to use for Echolink. Allstar is up and running in a test mode at lab at Greg's QTH. Discussion ensued regarding possibly setting up a WiresX node at Rick W9WS QTH. John N9UPS will check with Yaesu to possibly get a discount on the equipment.
- ARISS contact: Greg N9CHA and John KOJDD discussed the upcoming ARISS contact at John Glenn Middle School in Maplewood. The date is tentatively set for the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>, with Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> most likely; confirmation will come later this week. Volunteers were encouraged to assist with set-up and tear-down.
- Mark W9GWG advised the club that former member Robert KD6TWC is moving to Arizona, and may be donating a significant amount of equipment to the club. He will keep us updated on this.

**Skywarn:**

- No activations in January.

**ARES/RACES:**

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

**Petty Cash Report:**

- Jack W9JET counted and reported donations to “the can” of \$9.00.

09:49 m Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by:

Don W9LRQ - Secretary 2017