



Polk County Amateur Radio Association
Meeting Minutes of the Organization
1732 Forest Circle
Balsam Lake, WI 54810
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July 8, 2017

Attendance: Chris KC9NVV, Greg N9CHA, Rick W9WS, Russ WQ0N, Wayne KC9RBL, Jack W9JET, John N0TCN, John N9UPC, Bill K9WEN, Paul KB9TYC, Steve KC9RBL, William K9DIW, Thomas KD9DIW

Meeting Called to Order: 9:00 by Chris, K9NVV, President

Introduction of Guests & Announcements:

- Steve, KD9FSQ had his three daughters at the meeting. They were introduced and engaged in conversation about a project they worked on with their dad to create a game system using a raspberry pi, a few other eBay obtained interface boards and the display from an old laptop. Greg, N9CHA also talked with them about interest in joining in the conversation on the Monday night net. Steve indicated he would be interested in coordinating with the PCARA to involve his girls and other kids in a balloon launch, for next summer?

Treasurers Report:

- Jack W9JET, Treasurer, reported on the balances in the checking account and PayPal account

Old Business:

- Chris, KC9NVV – ARC tower site update. There was considerable discussion regarding the tower and adjacent building.
 - Greg reported the tower will need new grounding with rods and cabling.
 - A Club outing will be planned in the near future to do some cleanup and prep work prior to the tower climb. Perhaps the next club meeting should be held at the ARC.
 - The tower has many elements attached to it that are no longer functional, including Christmas lights, antennas, transmission lines, power cords, etc. All should come down at the time Greg's acquaintance climber is there.
 - The recently created antenna fund has \$180
 - Rick, W9WS, looked into the purchase of an antenna, but the cost is near \$1K Greg, N9CHA suggests an M2 might work, but would require waterproofing.

New Business:

- Bill K9WEN, VP, Net Control Manager – indicated net controllers are still needed for a few weeks in July and August.

- Chris KC9NVV, led a discussion regarding the Simulated Emergency Test (SET) event this year. There is frustration at the state level that there is not more involvement in the program. Chris asked the group to comment on the lack of interest and suggestions, including a suggestion to conduct the test over several days during the event week, instead of a single event. The group pointed out that the PCARA was quite involved and the challenge is a lack of leadership in other areas of the state. The group also indicated a single half-day event would be more interesting than several events over the course of a few days. No specific plans were arrived at for this year.
- The annual Club property/liability insurance invoice (\$182.00) was received. After some discussion of the coverage, the group authorized payment without objection.
- John K9UPC shared that he is now a regional sales manager for Yaesu. He indicated that Yaesu is looking for a few clubs with repeaters that would be interested in testing Fusion/Wires-X equipment. The group expressed interest and willingness.

Skywarn:

- Chris, KC9NVV – no official Skywarn activations. Greg N9CHA offered that the “informal” activation a month ago was a good test and worked well.

ARES/RACES:

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

PETTY CASH REPORT: Jack W9JET, Treasurer – counted and reported

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 11:00

Respectfully submitted by Russ, WQ0N