



Polk County Amateur Radio Association  
Meeting Minutes of the Organization  
1732 Forest Circle  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
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**September 9, 2017**

**Attendance:** Greg N9CHA, Rick W9WS, Russ WQ0N, Wayne KC9RBL, Jack W9JET, Steve KD9FSQ, Mark W9GWG, Mike KK9MC, Tom N0HWY, Gale WD9HFT

**Meeting Called to Order:** 9:00 by Jack W9JET, Treasurer

**Introduction of Guests & Announcements:**

- John Dean, K0JDD was a guest at the meeting and will be presenting a discussion titled: "Improve Your Shack Audio" at the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting.

**Treasurers Report:**

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

**Old Business:**

- Since Bill K9WEN, VP and Net Control Manager for the PCARA net, was unable to attend, the group did not discuss the control script and net operation.

**New Business:**

- There is a need for additional net control operators through the end of the year. Everyone was encouraged to respond to the email sent out by Bill K9WEN earlier.
- Steve KD9FSQ led a discussion about the possibility of a summer 2018 balloon launch that would be sponsored by the club and directed specifically to kids.
  - Greg N9CHA and Gale WD9HFT both shared their knowledge and previous experience with balloon launches and involving school age kids. They also reminded the group that winter launches are better than a summer launch
  - The discussion broadened to include consideration of other summer projects such as crystal radio building, fox hunting, etc.; still focused on involving member kids in a project that could take several sessions to accomplish.
  - The group was asked to consider additional ideas for summer project(s) as well as the level of club interest in a balloon launch this winter (which would include preparations and learning about some of the various aspects of a launch) at the next club meeting.

**ARES/RACES:**

- The Monthly report was submitted to SEC and DEC by Greg N9CHA
- Greg N9CHA also reported that on October 7<sup>th</sup>, the club will be participating in the Simulated Emergency Test (SET) by conducting tests of all the clear view sites and hospitals. Depending on participation, it will likely take the morning. Look for more details via email.

**PETTY CASH REPORT:** The petty cash can did not make it to the meeting this month

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 10:00 with a presentation on shack audio led by John K0JDD to follow.

Respectfully submitted by Russ WQ0N