



Polk County Amateur Radio Association  
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## Club Meeting MINUTES - March 10, 2018

Attendance: Greg N9CHA, Chris KC9NVV, Paul KB9TYC, Jack W9JET, John N0TCN, Wayne KC9RBL, Steve KD9FSQ, Gale WD9HFT, Tom N0HWY, Rick W9WS, Russ WQ0N

Call to Order: At 9:00 AM by Chris KC9NVV, President

### Introduction of Guests & Announcements:

- No guests were present at the meeting
- Chris KC9NVV reminded everyone to turn in annual membership dues
- Russ WQ0N circulated the current roster for all to review and update contact information
- Russ also circulated the Net Control sign-up sheet

Treasurers Report: Jack W9JET, PCARA Treasurer, reported on the checking and PayPal account balances.

### Old Business:

- ARC Antenna project –
  - There were only a couple comments on the Yahoo group regarding the project and presented by Gale W9HFT at the last meeting
  - Additional discussion was regarding the sequence and timing of various sub-projects. Gale WD9HFT, chair of the project subcommittee, indicated that he is waiting for clear club interest in the project before meeting with the subcommittee to plan specific actions and timing.
  - **Motion**, made by Tom N0HWY and seconded by John N0TCN, to proceed with the project at the ARC site and for the subcommittee to provide updates to the full club at monthly meetings. **Motion Carried.**
- Club Liability insurance
  - Chris, KC9NVV, Club President, was asked by the County to provide proof of Club Liability Insurance, as the county was updating records and did not have proof of a policy on record.
  - Steve KD9FSQ reported that he had spoken with a local insurance agent and the \$200/yr. policy offered through the ARRL was better than he could offer.
  - **Motion**, made by Steve KC9FSQ and seconded by Russ WQ0N, to authorize Chris KC9NVV to purchase the \$200 policy for the club. **Motion Carried.**
- Club Property Insurance
  - The annual policy invoice is expected in July
  - There was considerable discussion regarding what equipment is owned by the club and what equipment is vital to club needs.
  - Greg N9CHA has maintained a fairly comprehensive list of assets and replacement values.
  - Rick W9WS has been involved in reviewing the list and limiting insured items in the past.
  - A subcommittee with Greg N9CHA, Rick W9WS and Tom N0HWY will review the inventory and make a recommendation to the full club for property insurance

needs prior to the premium due date in July. If others are interested in being involved, contact one of the three members.

- Wisconsin QSO Party, <http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm>
  - Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM to 8:00PM
  - From the PCARA shack, Steve KD9FSQ to lead
  - Russ WQ0N and Steve KD9FSQ will operate the club station starting at 1:00PMCDT, anyone else is welcome to join.
  - Rick W9WS offered to head over to the shack after the meeting to show Russ and Steve how to operate the Jupiter and ensure the 40/80 trap-dipole is properly connected.
  - Greg offered to update the logging application on the shack PC.
- 2018 Field Day, <http://www.arri.org/field-day>
  - Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:00PM to Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM
  - Steve KD9FSQ to host at his farm, 2316 SR 35, Milltown, WI 54858
  - The group looked at the google earth view of Steve's farm.
  - Considerable discussion regarding the need for early planning and a site visit.
  - Several members expressed interest in the event. A sign-up sheet is needed to quantify the interest.
  - It was determined that a meeting dedicated to the event should be held in the next couple months.

#### New Business:

- Recap of the 2018 Kortelopet and Birkebeiner
  - Chris KC9NVV and Greg N9CHA led a discussion of the event and observations.
  - Paul KB9TYC and Russ WQ0N were also at the event this year and offered their observations.
  - It is highly recommended for all club members to volunteer in the future.
- Review Program Suggestions list – the list was not reviewed at the meeting.

Skywarn: Chris KC9NVV reported no activations during the previous month

ARES/RACES: Greg N9CHA indicated monthly reports were submitted to SEC and DEC

Petty Cash Report: Jack W9JET, PCARA Treasurer, reported \$11 donated to "the can".

Adjourn: **Motion**, made by John N0TCN, seconded by Steve KD9FSQ, to adjourn at 10:45 AM.  
**Motion carried**

Program: Greg N9CHA provided a very informative presentation on the WECOMM Network.

Respectfully submitted by  
Russ WQ0N - PCARA Secretary 2018