

Polk County Amateur Radio Association
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2006
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Our monthly breakfast/meeting was held at the Fox Den in Balsam Lake, WI. Eight people were in attendance. Jim Hermanek, KØKFC, described his plan to install the top sections, plus antennas, to two towers that he is erecting. It was decided that it was too windy to do it today and plans were made to do it on Sunday.

The recently held SET (simulated emergency test) was discussed with suggestions brought forward as to how communications could have been improved. These suggestions will be acted upon in the near future. Overall, the voice cross banding and message filing by packet radio was successful. The WinLink 2K station worked especially well. Thanks to Steve, NØXC, for working on that. A SET event article, with pictures, will be placed with the media in the near future. Thanks to all who participated with a special thanks to the County Emergency Management Coordinator for obtaining permission and locating the Mobile ECC for us to use. Mark, KC9GHQ, discussed checking into the Monday 9PM net. The repeater will be used but because it's operating ability is low at this time, simplex may also be used. Steve, NØXC, discussed the areas Hospitals communications efforts and mentioned an October 17, 2006 meeting that will be held in that regard. More on this effort later. Plans for installation of the new antenna and repeater are being discussed with a meeting to be held shortly. More on this later. Nominations for PCARA offices will take place at the November meeting with elections held at the December meeting.

New officers will take over
in January 2007.