



**Polk County Amateur
Radio Association
1732 Forest Circle
Balsam Lake, WI 54810**

March 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Members present:

**Marv KC9IRT, Fred AB9LV, Greg N9CHA, Rick W9WS, Diana KC9SLN, Len KC9TPV,
Josh KC9QXN, Mike KK9MC, Carlos N9GIM, Bill KC9TPU**

OPEN- RICK W9WS, PRESIDENT (Called to order: 9:34 am)

TREASURERS REPORT

Carlos N9GIM provided the club treasurers report.

OLD BUSINESS

Len KC9TPV asked about ID badges, are they necessary? Are they required? Discussion summarized that Kathy of Polk OEM would provide ID's when required and necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

FIELD DAY 2011 Alternate site (Heritage Park) in Taylors Falls was discussed. Specifications for FD were discussed. Len KC9TPV proposed a motion to postpone further discussion or a decision regarding the location until the next meeting when hopefully more members would be present. Motion seconded by Josh KC9QXN. Motion passed, discussion postponed.

SKYWARN ID BADGES No discussion because Chris KC9NVV was not present.

NET REPORT No report because Mike KC9JIK was not present.

PACKET DIGIPEATER Mike KK9MC offered the possibility of using a 100' tower owned by the DNR to be used as a packet digipeater. The tower is located near the intersection of Hwy W and 130th street. (Frederick area) Further discussion and research will be conducted.

INTERNET ACCESS UPDATE Greg N9CHA reported that he had a meeting with Todd the Polk County IT manager. The proposal to have internet access available in the Government Center ham shack and penthouse was accepted. Todd required the club provide the cable. Greg delivered 1000' roll of Shielded CAT5e cable for the County to install at their convenience. Additionally, an RF link on 5.2 GHZ has been donated to the PCARA by Dick AH6EZ. This link will enable internet access to the tower shack for future projects.

RF LINK FOR ST. CROIX REPEATER COVERAGE Greg N9CHA reviewed the progress of an RF repeater link to be used to enhance repeater coverage to the St. Croix river valley. Jim KC9TPU who works for the city of Taylors Falls has secured permission for the club to install a VHF RX – UHF TX link at Heritage Park. Greg reported he has two Motorola CM200 radios (VHF/UHF) tied together with a controller and IDer for the project. He reported a proper enclosure still needs to be acquired.

CONTEST LOGGING SOFTWARE Proposed by Mark KC9GHQ, the N3FJP software suite be purchased by the club for use in the ham shack and during club events such as Field Day. The software package cost is \$49 including the CD. Motion to purchase the software by Fred AB9LV, seconded by Carlos N9GIM. Motion passed, Rick W9WS will place the order and get reimbursement from the club. The software will be registered to the club call, N9XH.

CLOSE- Rick W9WS

Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Len KC9TPV, seconded by Mike KK9MC.
Motion passed at 10:25 am.

Sincerely,
MARK KC9GHQ, SECRETARY
(Meeting notes by Greg N9CHA in Marks' absence)