



Polk County Amateur Radio Association
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Polk County Government Center - Balsam Lake - Wisconsin

Attendance: Rick W9WS, Greg N9CHA, Chuck WD9GWW, Chris KC9NVV, Ed W9ABA, Bill WY9E, Wayne KC9RBL, Jack W9JET, Dan KB9OBF, Bill K9WEN, Mel KF6OZ, Ona KE5QMJ. Special recognition to Mel and his wife Ona as they leave our area for Missouri. Everyone thanked them for their contributions to the club. They will be missed!

09:07 am Meeting Called to Order: Rick W9WS, President, called the meeting to order. No guests were present this month, welcome to those members who attended.

Treasurers Report: Chris KC9NVV, PCARA Treasurer - Reported the club's bank balance.

Old Business: No old business this month.

New Business: Nominations for club officers: President, Rick W9WS; Vice President, Bill WY9E, Secretary, Greg N9CHA; Treasurer, Chris KC9NVV. Chuck nominated Bill WY9E for VP, seconded by Rick W9WS. Unanimous vote, all approved. Thanks to Bill! The election will be held on December 13th during our club meeting. Nominations are still open, if you'd like to nominate someone or run for office yourself, please contact one of the club officers.

Chris KC9NVV – Yaesu SYSTEM FUSION Repeater. Chris brought up a discussion regarding our club entertaining the idea of installing a new Yaesu SYSTEM FUSION repeater which supports digital voice, data and analog voice. This will replace our current MSR2000. Several club members asked questions. Dan KB9OBF made a motion that since the current “club” price for the repeater is set at \$500, the PCARA should purchase one before the price goes up. Bill K9WEN second. Voted and all approved! Chuck WD9GWW offered to fund the project allowing others to contribute as they can without using club funds. Rick W9WS, Bill K9WEN, Bill WY9E and Mel KF6OZ all contributed on the spot. The project is completely funded and the equipment will be ordered from Yaesu on November 10th.

Chuck WD9GWW – Corporate funding for tower repair. Since the last tower climb where we learned the guy wires are in need of replacement, and tower maintenance needs to be accomplished, a source of funding of the estimated \$10K - \$15K must be found. Chuck would like to discuss the project with County officials next year to get them on-board, then an action plan can be put together.

Skywarn: Chris KC9NVV reported no activity.

ARES/RACES: Chuck WD9GWW – Reported the successful completion of SET2014. He also reviewed the activities he's been involved with as Polk EC. Chuck will resign at the end of the year. A new EC is needed, one

that can establish a good relationship with Polk Emergency Manager. Thanks to Chuck for all his hard work in organizing this year's SET and for serving as our Emergency Coordinator.

Chris KC9NVV - Wisconsin ARES/RACES Conference - October 18 - Wisconsin Rapids. He and Greg N9CHA travelled to the conference together. The best take away was the opportunity to network with others from the State. A representative from the American Red Cross was there to discuss emergency communications and the role of the ham radio operator. A demonstration of the Winlink and E-Sponder system was provided as well. Chris is looking forward to next year's conference.

Program: None this month.

Meeting adjourned: 10:10 am

Respectfully submitted by

Greg N9CHA PCARA Secretary 2014