



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

Attendance: Rick W9WS, Greg N9CHA, Chris KC9NVV, Fred AB9LV, Mike KC9JIK, Bill K9WEN, Jon KC9PJG, Jack W9JET, Wayne KC9RBL, John KB9ODW, Mike KD9BXO.

09:04 am Meeting Called to Order: Rick W9WS, President, called the meeting to order. Welcome to the following guests from Burnett County: Ed KB9KJE, Nick WBØPTO, Lee NØJOF

Treasurers Report: Chris KC9NVV, PCARA Treasurer

- Reported the club's bank balance.
- Need to update checking account signature card at Central Bank.
- Membership approved Rick Radke W9WS and Chris Keezer KC9NVV be listed on account.
- Discussion by the club regarding who should be on the signature list. Fred AB9LV suggested the President and the Treasurer be listed on the account and the Bylaws modified to reflect this change.
- Motion by Bill K9WEN to modify Bylaws, second by Mike KC9JIK. Motion passed.
- Greg N9CHA will write the Bylaw modification and bring it to the membership during the February meeting for approval.

Old Business: Rick W9WS, PCARA President

- Congratulations to the new leadership team for 2015:
 - Rick W9WS - President
 - Bill WY9E - Vice President
 - Chris KC9NV - Treasurer
 - Greg N9CHA - Secretary
- Tri-bander needs repair. Noticed today the driven element was in line. Surprising. When the weather gets warmer a tower climb will be organized to tighten the clamps.

New Business:

- Rick W9WS- Club dues are to be paid by the March meeting.
- Mike KC9JIK - Net Manager - Proposal to change the Monday Night Net check-in time from 9pm to 7:30pm. Mike believes more hams would check-in if the time were changed. Greg N9CHA suggested a Yahoo Groups Poll be created to get a general response from the membership. The data will be reviewed during the February meeting. Mike asked for net control ops for January & February.
- Chris KC9NVV - ARC Memo. Annual operating agreement between the ARC in East Farmington and the PCARA to allow for APRS radio equipment operation on their tower. A \$25 contribution and signed agreement letter will be submitted. Motion to proceed by Bill K9WEN, second by Mike KC9JIK, motion passed.

- Chris KC9NVV - One Call Notification System. There has been a change to the package. Was a 250/yr call package, now 1000/yr call package. Was \$38/yr, now \$91/yr. Chris suggested that perhaps the Burnett County club may wish to share the cost since a separate call group can be managed. Ed KB9KJE was present representing the group and suggested he take it to his club at their next meeting for discussion.
- Polk-Burnett Operation Round-Up Grant. General discussion on making a request for grant money for 2015. Greg N9CHA suggested the leadership team gather and fill out the request.
- Additional grant request to the United Fund could be made in February. Mike KD9BXO will bring the grant request to the February meeting if it's available.

Skywarn: Chris KC9NVV reported no activity. He also mentioned the Metro-Skywarn group in the Twin Cities has modified their reporting to allow anyone to make severe weather reports. They used to allow only those with Metro numbers. NWS has requested the change in their policy.

ARES/RACES: Greg N9CHA reported that he has been approved by State ARES/RACES leadership as the new EC for Polk County. Former EC, Chuck WD9GWG called Kathy, Polk EM about the change.

Program: Greg N9CHA, Chris KC9NVV Introduction of Yaesu System Fusion repeater. The club received the new DR-1X repeater on December 26th, 2014. An explanation of what and how it works was presented by Greg. Chris used an FTM-400 to demonstrate both FM and C4FM modulation. Integration plans are in the works to allow both modes, however an Arduino interface needs to be built to allow for reliable mode switching. Greg suggested the new repeater will be installed in March.

Meeting adjourned: 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted by

Greg N9CHA PCARA Secretary 2015