



Polk County Amateur Radio Association
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February 14, 2015

Polk County Government Center - Balsam Lake - Wisconsin

Attendance: Rick W9WS, Greg N9CHA, Chris KC9NVV, Bill WY9E, Jack W9JET, Wayne KC9RBL.

09:15 am Meeting Called to Order: Rick W9WS, President, called the meeting to order.

Treasurers Report: Chris KC9NVV, PCARA Treasurer

- Reported the club's bank balance.
- Need to update checking account signature card at Central Bank.
- Bylaws modified to reflect President and Treasurer will be listed on the checking account. Motion to adopt postponed due to lack of membership at the February meeting.

Old Business: Rick W9WS, PCARA President

- Photo of leadership members. Done.
- ARC Memo was signed and delivered with a \$25 check.
- One Call payment for annual subscription. Burnett County was offered to share expense, they declined. Delay decision until March meeting.

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. Discussion about changing with daylight time change, March 8th and November 1. CST = 7:30 and CDT = 9:00. No decision, consult with Mike KC9JIK net manager.
- Greg N9CHA, Mark W9GWG and Chris KC9NVV attended Fusion Breakfast on Saturday, January 24th. There were about 30 hams representing nearly all of the repeaters in the Twin Cities area. A demonstration of the DR-1X repeater and the digital camera microphone was conducted by Chris K9EQ. Each group was asked to report on their implementation of the Fusion System. The Polk County repeater was under test at that time.
- Greg N9CHA updated the group about the progress of the System Fusion repeater. On Sunday January 25th it was turned off due to an issue with control logic. Greg brought in a CAT-250 repeater controller and an Arcom ADR interface that had been recently developed to deal with the control logic. These two devices will be interfaced and the repeater will go back into test mode.
- Chris KC9NVV reviewed the Birkie event being held on Saturday February 21st. He asked for 1 or 2 more volunteers. He also reported there is a new bridge being built to span Hwy 63 in hopes of alleviating car and truck detours. There seems to be an issue with the height and width of the bridge, so he reported time will tell if the solution works this year.
- The PCARA is celebrating its 20th year anniversary. More discussion at the March meeting.

- The group discussed if the monthly new-ham listing forwarded by ARRL SM as a club recruitment tool. Greg N9CHA was asked to develop a letter or handout that can be mailed out to new Polk County hams.

Skywarn: Chris KC9NVV reported there are two classes coming up. On April 9th a class will be conducted in Milltown, and April 14th in Siren. The PCARA has been asked to present a club review at the April 9th class.

ARES/RACES: Greg N9CHA, Polk EC, submitted the Polk County roster to DEC Chris KC9NVV who in turn reported to the WI State SEC. Bill WY9E, Barron EC asked Greg to forward his Excel listing to him.

Program: No formal program, however the group stayed for about an hour and discussed how the repeater controller works.

Meeting adjourned: 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted by

Greg N9CHA PCARA Secretary 2015