



Polk County Amateur Radio Association
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March 14, 2015

Polk County Government Center - Balsam Lake - Wisconsin

Attendance: Rick W9WS, Greg N9CHA, Kevin KC9EMJ, Kevin's Son William, John KB9ODW, Duana KC9UVK, Tom KC9UWA, Robert KD6TWC, Carlos N9GIM.

09:10 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. (via email to Rick)
- 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 by John KB9ODW, 2nd by Tom KC9UWA. Motion Passed. Bylaws change attached to the end of these documents.

Old Business: Rick W9WS, PCARA President

- Monday Night Net: Mike KC9JIK has decided to change the net times. 7:30pm during CST, 9pm during CDT. (Sunday March 8 - Sunday November 1 = CDT) (Monday November 2 – Monday March 9 = CST)
- PCARA Leadership met on March 1st in St. Croix Falls and discussed the club activities for 2015.

New Business:

- System Fusion Breakfast - Greg, Chris, Mark2, Rick; March 21st at 9am.
- System Fusion Repeater - N9XH/R C4FM/FM Installed March 12th. Details are on the web site including a video of the first QSO recorded by Paul KB9TYC.
- One Call payment for annual subscription. Motion to renew the annual agreement, Rick W9WS, 2nd by Carlos N9GIM. Motion Passed. Chris KC9NVV will be instructed to pay for the new annual one-call subscription.
- Future program: Fox Hunting and Tape Measure Yagis. Comments? Suggested we build in September and host Fox Hunt in October. All agreed.
- Tower maintenance. Robert KD6TWC asked about the possibility of getting the guy wires repaired and the tower painted. No formal project quote has been put together, however Tom KC9UWA and Duana KC9UVK volunteered to help with grant writing to secure the capital required. The leadership now needs to investigate the possibility of having work done to the tower since it's the property of local governmental agencies.
- Wisconsin QSO Party – March 15th. 13:00 to 20:00 Sunday <http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm>
- SCVRA Spring Ham Radio Class next weekend. Warren Town Hall, Roberts, WI. Just West of the Flying J Truck Stop on Exit 10 off I-94. March 20th – March 22nd.
<https://sites.google.com/site/stcroixvalleyhamradio/home>

Skywarn:

- Chris KC9NVV attended the Duluth Skywarn event today.
- However he emailed that 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. Skywarn/PCARA introduction at the Dresser/Osceola/Garfield fire departments on March 9th. Kathy from Polk EM asked for 30 minute program to explain our Clear View maps.
- Skywarn Spotter Class – PCARA ARES/RACES 30 Minute Introduction – Milltown Boy Scout Troup 563 – April 9th – Milltown Community Center

ARES/RACES: Greg N9CHA, Polk EC, Submitted ARES/RACES activity to Chris KC9NVV DEC.

Program: No formal program, however the group stayed for about an hour and discussed additional program ideas. They include: How to tune an antenna; What is a repeater offset; How a repeater works; What are all the knobs for on a modern transceiver.

Meeting adjourned: 10:30 am

Respectfully submitted by

Greg N9CHA PCARA Secretary 2015

Approved by the Membership: The following bylaws changes have been adopted March 14, 2015. Note Section 6, sub-section f. is the new addition to the bylaws.

6. MONETERY FISCAL POLICY

- a. A reserve of money shall be maintained in the treasury equal to or exceeding the value of the club operation costs for a period of one year.
- b. Operating costs are defined as: Newsletter expenses, rents, power bills, maintenance contracts incurred by the club, Repeater Council Dues, and insurance.
- c. The Treasurer shall have discretionary use of a petty cash fund of \$50 per year.
- d. Individual payments exceeding \$25 shall be approved by a majority vote of the members at a given meeting.
- e. Reimbursement by the club for cash expenditures by an individual should be approved by the membership in advance, if at all possible. However, the club may vote to approve an unauthorized outlay if circumstances warrant it.
- f. Authorized Signatures, reviewed and listed annually with financial institutions, including Checking Accounts, Debit Cards, Savings Accounts, Investment Accounts shall be; 1) President; 2) Treasurer.