



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

Attendance: Rick W9WS, Bill WY9E, Greg N9CHA, Chris KC9NVV, Bill K9WEN, Steve NØXC, Don W9LRQ, John NØTCN, Wayne KC9RBL, Jack W9JET, Robert KD6TWC, William KD9DIV, Thomas KD9DIW, Jon KC9PJG, Bruce N9BLU, Paul WB9TYC, Mark W9GWG
Guests: John N9UPC, Wally N9VAO, Dustin KD9FAX, Ernie KD9DKX, Steve KA9OMC

09:04 am Meeting Called to Order: Rick W9WS, President, called the meeting to order. Welcome to our guests: John N9UPC, Wally N9VAO, Dustin KD9FAX, Ernie KD9DKX, Steve KA9OMC

Treasurers Report: Chris KC9NVV, PCARA Treasurer.

- Reported the club's bank balance.
- Welcome to our new members; Dustin KD9FAX, Don W9LRQ!

Old Business:

- Greg N9CHA – 2 meter amp installed November 18th. Initial reports are good. Members who travel to/from the Cities are able to hear the machine much better. Note: Everyone needs to pause a little after keying their microphone... there is a TX-relay in the amp and it takes a bit for it to switch... just count to ONE, then talk please.

New Business:

- It's dues time again. Dues will remain the same: Individual \$20, Family \$25
- Bill K9WEN – Monday night net. Need additional Net Control Ops for 2016.
- Greg N9CHA – Would the PCARA like to move the meeting location to the Polk County Justice Center, Multi-Purpose room starting in January? Current leadership has approved, County officials have approved. It's up to you? Motion by Mark W9GWG, Second by Wayne KC9RBL, motion passed.
- Greg N9CHA – Meeting agenda. Do the members want it posted to the Yahoo Groups? Currently the agenda is prepared on the Wednesday prior to the meeting and distributed to the leadership. Steve NØXC would like the agenda sent as an HTML email so it can be read on smart phones. All agreed, starting January 2016 the Secretary has been advised to publish the monthly meeting agendas.
- Greg N9CHA & Rick W9WS – Carlos N9GIM donation to the PCARA. Carlos' health will not permit him to return home. His daughter, who is living in his Centuria home is moving to North Carolina. His Rohn 20 tower (3 sections), rotor, Cushcraft A3S and 2M Boomer needs to be removed from the property ASAP. A work detail is being organized after the meeting today. Motion by Bill K9WEN, Second by Bill WY9E to have a list of equipment made available to the membership. Those members wishing to receive any of the equipment should have equal chance to receive it. Motion passed. President Rick W9WS suggested the leadership will decide a fair way to disperse the gear.

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Election of Club Officers: A vote by secret ballot was administered. The results of the vote were:

- President: Mark W9GWG
 - Vice President: Bill K9WEN
 - Secretary: Greg N9CHA
 - Treasurer: Chris KC9NVV
- A point-of-order was raised by Chris KC9NVV regarding Mark's ability to fulfill his duties as President due to his past felony criminal record as it relates to signing privileges on the club's checking account. The club bylaws state the President and Treasurer are designated as the club signees. Motion by Chris KC9NVV to disallow Mark W9GWG as the 2016 President due to his felony conviction. No Second, motion failed.
 - On behalf of the current leadership, Greg N9CHA spoke to the club regarding the issue and asked Mark if he'd like to explain to the membership the concerns Chris has. Mark said that over 20 years ago he was in fact convicted of a felony in regards to fiscal transactions, and the matter had been resolved.
 - There was discussion regarding the possible modification of the bylaws to remove the President as a signee. No motion was set forth, the discussion failed to reach consensus.

Skywarn:

- No reportable WX issues this month.

ARES/RACES:

- Greg N9CHA – Met with Chisago County MN EC, John NØDZQ (Wyoming, MN) He's looking for cooperation during Skywarn events. He encourages all hams to use their repeater: 147.315/91.5pl The machine is located near the intersection of MN95 and I-35 in North Branch.

Program:

- John N9UPC – System Fusion experimentation. Getting FM and Fusion to work together, implementing a new configuration to allow all hams the use of the Fusion networking capabilities.
- Future Program Ideas:
 - Frequency accuracy measurement. Steve NØXC to review his technique for measuring frequency during the FMT events.
 - FM bandwidth measurement. How does my FM radio perform? What is deviation and how is it measured?
 - ALC how to adjust and why.
 - Proper microphone technique, especially on FM.
 - Soldering training using proper techniques. What temperature to use and why.
 - Kit building. Up to \$20/kit.
 - CW Morse training. How to use a straight key, how to use a paddle, what is iambic keying, what are the abbreviations most used during a QSO, what are the exchanges during a contest.

Meeting adjourned: 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted by
Greg N9CHA
PCARA Secretary 2015