



Polk County Amateur Radio Association
1732 Forest Circle
Balsam Lake, WI 54810
www.N9XH.org

February 14, 2016

Polk County Government Center - Balsam Lake – Wisconsin

Attendance: Mark W9GWG, Bill K9WEN, Greg N9CHA, Chris KC9NVV, Rick W9WS, Jon KC9PJG, Wayne KC9RBL, Jack W9JET, Joe KB3WYL, Robert KD6TWC, Dustin KD9FAX, Dan KB9OBF
Guests: Steve McGrane (Milltown)

09:02 am Meeting Called to Order: Mark W9GWG, President

- Called the meeting to order. Welcome to our guests: Steve McGrane
- Life Members: Congratulations to: Marv Anderson KC9IRT – 75 years old, member 10 years.
- Life Members: Congratulations to: Rick Radke W9WS – 50 years a ham, member 10 years. Presentation of certificate. Photo to be published on web.

Treasurers Report: Chris KC9NVV, PCARA Treasurer.

- Reported the club's bank balance.
- One-Call \$32.59. Motion: Chris KC9NVV, 2nd Rick W9WS, passed.

Old Business:

- Greg N9CHA – N9XH VHF repeater had a suspect AD-1000 delay module. It was replaced on January 14th.
- Greg N9CHA – N9XH VHF repeater programming accomplished on January 14th. Eliminates the link sequence to/from Barron County by the Monday Night Net codes.

New Business:

- Mark W9GWG – The PCARA leadership team met on January 21st to discuss; programs, bylaws, elections, accounting, social media.
- Chris KC9NVV – Facebook site, link on our web, “like us!”
- Bill K9WEN – Monday night net. Need additional Net Control Ops for 2016.
- PCARA will host VE Testing Sessions on a quarterly schedule. April 9th, July 9th, October 8th: 1:00pm to 3:00pm
- Programs:
 - March 12th – Build something.
 - April 9th – Noel Petit WBØVGI “Space Weather”.
 - May 14th – Field Day Preparations. How to set up a station. Using the N3FJP logging software. How to make a QSO. How to call CQ.
 - June 11th – Field Day Preparations. Build a 40 meter dipole, set it up in the parking lot, test it.

- VE Testing:
 - April 9th – 1pm – 3pm
 - July 9th – 1pm – 3pm
 - October 8th – 1pm – 3pm
 - Signup form and announcement on www.n9xh.org web.
 - Announcements on Facebook.
- Dues: The leadership will observe the club's bylaws. Dues are to be paid by members before the end of the calendar year. A membership term is defined as January through December. New members joining the club January – September will be considered current year members. New members joining the club October – December will be considered current year (short term) and next year members.
- Field Day Chairman – Dan KB9OBF volunteered to run our Field Day operations this year. Thanks Dan!
- Solicit Yaesu (Chris Wilson) to provide a Yaesu FT-450D to our club for the following reasons:
 - The membership uses Yaesu equipment
 - Our County and membership are financially challenged
 - We support and represent all ages, teens though octogenarian
 - Active emergency coordination and relationship with County Emergency Manager and support several training exercises per year
 - Operate a dedicated ham shack, provided by the County, installed antennas, great opportunity for teaching new hams
 - Offer VE testing and educational classes for new and experienced hams

Skywarn:

- No reportable WX issues this month.
- Chris KC9NVV asked that all net controls use GR-Level3 software \$80
http://www.grlevelx.com/grlevel3_2/

ARES/RACES:

- Greg N9CHA – New ARES/RACES member, William N9DIV.
- Greg N9CHA attended the Wisconsin Emergency Management communications exercise on February 10. Chris KC9NVV asked other County EM's to assist with a communications test between Spooner and Ashland.

Petty Cash Report:

- Chris KC9NVV reported \$42 in “the can”

Meeting adjourned: 10:15 am

- Motion by Dan KB9OBF, 2nd Bill K9WEN

Program:

- Rick W9WS – K1N DX – Expedition to Navassa Island 2015, video. An excellent account was written and published in the Twin City DX Association's newsletter, the “Grayline”
<http://www.tcdxa.org/newsletter.html>

Respectfully submitted by
 Greg N9CHA
 PCARA Secretary 2016