



Polk County Amateur Radio Association  
Meeting Minutes of the Organization  
1732 Forest Circle  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
[www.N9XH.org](http://www.N9XH.org)

**November 12, 2016**

Polk County Justice Center - Balsam Lake – Wisconsin

**Attendance:** Mark W9GWG, Bill K9WEN, Chris KC9NVV, Rick W9WS, Greg N9CHA, Jack W9JET, Don W9LRQ, Steve KD9FSQ, Mike KK9MC, Guest (became member): Gale WD9HFT

**Meeting Called to Order:** 9:00am Mark W9GWG, President

**Treasurers Report:** Chris KC9NVV, PCARA Treasurer.

- Reported the club's bank balance.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Nomination of Officers for 2017 - Ballot
  - President - Mark W9GWG, Chris KC9NVV
  - Vice President - Bill K9WEN
  - Treasurer - Chris KC9NVV (based on President Election)
  - Secretary - Don W9LRQ
- CyclovaXC of St. Croix Falls asked if the club would support a bike event with communications on Saturday, December 17th, 2016. No volunteers stepped up. Greg to let Kirk KD9AKU (original messenger) know that the club declined to participate.
- Club dues must be paid by the end of February 2017. You can pay by cash, check or PayPal.
- President Stencil W9GWG Appointment: Greg Braun N9CHA was appointed and confirmed by the membership as the new Repeater Committee Chairman. It will be the duty and responsibility of Repeater Committee Chairman to over-see all maintenance of the PCARA equipment in use as a repeater system, future development of the repeater system, work closely with the N9XH Trustee (W9WS) to protect and implement safeguards for Part 97 compliance, provide a single point of contact for club members and others seeking information as to the operation of the system.

**Skywarn:**

- No activations in August.

**ARES/RACES:**

- Greg N9CHA – Monthly report was submitted to SEC and DEC.

**Petty Cash Report:**

- Chris KC9NVV reported total donations in “the can” \$16.

**Special Meeting of the Board of Directors:**

- A Special Meeting was held on November 9th, 2016 at the residence of Greg N9CHA, 7pm. Present were; President Stencil W9GWG, Vice President Neska K9WEN, Treasurer Keezer KC9NVV, Secretary Braun N9CHA
- The meeting agenda specifically reviewed the allegations and communications brought forth by Robert Hadley KD6TWC, a current member of the PCARA. A number of email's authored by Mr. Hadley were reviewed by the Board. The recipients included; Wisconsin Senator Sheila Harsdorf, Polk County Emergency Manager Kathy Poirier, Wisconsin Association of Repeaters Chairman Chris Tarr W9JOL, ROHN Manufacturing, the members of the Polk County Amateur Radio Association. The email communications authored by Mr. Hadley concerned his assessment of the current status of the communications tower near Balsam Lake. If requested, a copy of the Board's Meeting Minutes will be made available, including the email's reviewed.
- The Board, after careful consideration, concluded:
  - The tower in question is not owned by the PCARA. Use was granted by the Polk County Sherriff's Department and Office of Emergency Management by verbal agreement.
  - Maintenance of the grounds including weed mitigation and general upkeep of the shelter, including painting has be completed by PCARA club members.
  - Mr. Hadley acted on his own accord, without permission or endorsement by the PCARA Board. The Board apologizes to the membership, Representative Harsdorf, Polk County Emergency Manager Kathy Poirier, and WAR Chairman Chris Tarr for any inconvenience this matter may have caused.

9:30am Adjoin

Respectfully submitted by:

Greg N9CHA - Secretary 2016

**Program:**

- Greg N9CHA - WECOMM introduction. What is it? How did it start and how it works.