



Polk County Amateur Radio Association
Meeting Minutes of the Organization
1732 Forest Circle
Balsam Lake, WI 54810
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January 14, 2017

Polk County Justice Center - Balsam Lake – Wisconsin

Attendance: Chris KC9NVV, Don W9LRQ, Steve KD9FSQ, Dan KB9OBF, Kevin KC4EMJ, William N9DIW, Gale WD9HFT, Greg N9CHA, Jack W9JET, Kelly N9HBN, Tom N0HWY, Rick W9WS, John N0TCN, John N9UPC
Guests: Russ WQ0N, Gary WA9IWT

Meeting Called to Order: 9:09am by Chris KC9NVV, President

Introductions: Welcome Russ WQ0N and Gary WA9IWT. Both have been hams for several years and are getting back into the hobby after some time away.

Treasurers Report: Chris KC9NVV, PCARA President in lieu of treasurer to be assigned.

- Reported the club's bank balance.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Appointment of Treasurer: Jack Thomas W9JET has volunteered for the position and has been so assigned by Chris KC9NVV, President.
- Antenna at Government Center: The tri-band beam at the Government Center was recently damaged by high winds. A group planned to meet after the meeting to figure out what repairs needed to be done immediately and what could wait until the weather is more accommodating, as well as what the best course of action will be with the antenna (repair/replace). Also Chris advised that he provided Debbie Peterson, Polk County Buildings Director, with a copy of the club's liability insurance.
- Birkebeiner: Chris KC9NVV and John N9UPC discussed the upcoming Birkebeiner ski race, taking place on Friday, February 24 and Saturday, February 25. Volunteers were requested for both days, with the greatest need on Friday. Kelly N9HBN volunteered for both days; Chris asked that anyone else that wanted to participate contact him.
- Net control: Bill K9WEN was not present, but Don W9LRQ advised that net controllers are needed for February 6, February 13, and March 27. No volunteers were received.
- ARISS contact: Greg N9CHA discussed the upcoming ARISS contact at John Glenn Middle School in Maplewood. The date may possibly be moved up to February 20th or 27th. He discussed what steps are necessary for preparation, set-up and tear down, as well as the contact itself. He encouraged participation by everyone, and requested volunteers to assist.
- Echolink/AllStar: Greg N9CHA updated the status of our Echolink node; it is currently down, however he is working with Polk County's IT department to get it back up. Greg then talked about his desire to

add AllStar capability to our repeater and asked for the club's backing; it received a favorable response and Greg was given the ok to go ahead with it by the club and the repeater trustee Rick W9WS.

- T-shirts: Chris KC9NVV discussed N9XH t-shirts, and requested that anyone who wanted one should contact him and he will get an order placed. He believed the price to be around \$15 per shirt.
- Future presentations: The floor was open for suggestions for projects, presentations, training, etc. for 2017 meetings. Several items were discussed, including a presentation on how the repeater is set up and functions, DX expedition presentations, logging software training, a presentation on the National Traffic System, and balloon launches. The February meeting will have a presentation on APRS by Greg N9CHA, and in March Gale WD9HFT will do a demonstration.
- Radio donation: Chris KC9NVV advised that the Amery Police Department donated 8 Motorola HT1000 portable radios, batteries, chargers, and speaker mics to the club. He sent a letter of thanks to the department.

Skywarn:

- No activations in December.

ARES/RACES:

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

Petty Cash Report:

- Chris KC9NVV advised that he had received some comments regarding continued use of “the can” at meetings. Nobody present had any objections with it and it was decided to continue using it; it was made clear that nobody is under any obligation to donate.

10:50am Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by:

Don W9LRQ - Secretary 2017