

Walton Radio Association  
Minutes of the August Meeting  
August 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order at the Walton Fire Department building, Walton, NY at 2:03 P.M. by President W2RRK. Those in attendance were as follows: N2WDV, W2RRK, AA2RM, KB2RLH, W2TKB, W2CD, AB2IC, K2EZK, and WB2JOW.

**Reports**

The minutes of the June, 2011 meeting were read and approved as read. There was no July meeting.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,405.14.

Nets: CW – June, 18 check-ins. July, 16 check-ins. FM – June, 10 check-ins. July, 13 check-ins.

**Old Business**

W2CD reported on the WRA field day (FD) results. W2CD reported that the 20 meter band was very active and open for the entire session. A summary of the FD results is included with these minutes. The Delaware County Sheriff did arrive at the site just subsequent to the closing of the exercise

The club thanked N2WDV for hosting the FD exercise again this year. The new building seemed particularly well suited to comfortable operations.

The club discussed liability insurance for the club and equipment insurance for loss protection of the repeater equipment. The equipment insurance was stated as \$1.40 per \$100 of equipment coverage. A copy of the liability proposal is included with these minutes. W2RRK estimates the replacement value of the equipment to be \$3k to \$4k. No action was taken by the club.

**New Business**

A surge arrester has been installed at the repeater. Subsequent to its installation, the finals on the repeater failed. The finals were replaced and the surge protector was also replaced.

AB2IC reported that the upper NY repeater coordinator is active in our area. It was mentioned that the 147.315 MHz repeater had been coordinated at the time of its initial start up.

K2EZK reported that hamfests are planned for Rome, NY and Howard, NY on August 13. He also reported on the Ithaca hamfest which was recently held at the fairgrounds in Trumansburg, NY.

W2RRK reported on an inquiry from the Skywarn office about the availability of the 147.315 MHz repeater during stormy weather. Apparently, the repeater is taken off the air during storms to prevent damage to the equipment. This also means that it is not available for Skywarn use at during those times.

Additional discussion followed about implementing a 70 cm linking system between Hancock and the 147.315 MHz repeater. Different sites for the possible location of the 70 cm equipment were discussed. It's not clear whether the 147.315 MHz repeater can be linked due to its circuit's simplicity without major modifications to its control circuitry. No action was taken.

K2EZK inquired about the status of the amplifier for the 147.315 MHz repeater.

The club's HF equipment has apparently developed some operational problems related to the audio section of the rig. KC2CQS had performed some preliminary checks which were not conclusive. W2CD offered to check out the rig in the near future and advise the club of his findings.

**The next meeting is planned for Sunday, September 11, 2011 at the Walton Fire Department (WFD) building, Walton, NY at 2:00 P.M. The club picnic will be held at the WFD immediately following a short business meeting. Those attending should bring a dish to pass.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 P.M. Today's refreshments were provided by W2CD and N2WDV.

Respectfully submitted, WB2JOW, Secretary