

Walton Radio Association
Minutes of the January Meeting
January 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at the Walton Fire Department building, Walton, NY at 2:01 P.M. by President KB2RLH. Those in attendance were as follows: KC2LAB, KB2RLH, K2EZK, W2TKB, AA2RM, AB2IC, KA2HDO, N2WDV, KC2OKK, KC2IKQ, W2RRK, KC2LEA and WB2JOW.

Reports

The minutes of the December 2008 meeting were read, amended and approved as amended. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,357.48. The treasurer's report was approved as read. Nets: CW – five (5) check-ins for December, 2008.

FM – 23 check-ins for December, 2008.

Old Business

K2RLH reported that the W2LZ repeater is still at the site on Woodlawn Road until it can be retrieved for repair. It was reported that W2LZ is still not functioning properly. Once the weather breaks, an attempt will be made to retrieve and repair the repeater. Apparently, the power line is still in service.

New Business: It was reported that the PL tone (167.9 Hz) is now in service for access to the W2SEU repeater at Oneonta. (edit: 146.850 Mhz)

K2EZK reported that there will be a hamfest at Marathon on January, 10. Apparently the Rochester hamfest will be limited to only one day this year, May 30. Previously, this hamfest took place over multiple days.

KC2LEA requested that the WRA consider providing assistance with parking campers at the Delaware County Fair at Walton during August. He indicated that the WRA could lend assistance with the site communications which would facilitate safe traffic flow and orderly placement of the camping vehicles as they arrive at the fairgrounds in the days preceding the fair. Other groups may also be interested in assisting. He suggested that one or two operators could be used for the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday preceding the fair beginning at 07:00 hrs. each day.

N2WDV recalled a previous occasion where the WRA requested space at the fair for a demonstration station, but charges would have resulted. No station was set up as a result.

KB2RLH requested that KC2LEA provide additional info at a subsequent meeting for the WRA's consideration. Several in attendance indicated an interest in participating.

K2EZK reported that a DX expedition is active on all bands with call sign E44M from Palestine.

AB2IC reported that the cell tower in Meridale is now active for AT&T customers.

The next meeting is planned for the Walton Fire Department building on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 2:00 PM local time. Refreshments will be provided by W2RRK and KC2LAB.

AB2IC provided those present with an interesting program regarding QSL cards for both the hardcopy and electronic versions. Topics covered included the information contained on the card, the format and the function of the card. Also included was the function of various QSL bureaus for the exchange of cards. The subject of "green stamps" was also discussed.

KC2OKK provided those present with an example of the basic components needed for construction of a mouse trap device utilizing a pail for containing the mice and peanut butter as bait.

The refreshments were provided by KB2RLH and AA2RM.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M. Respectfully submitted, WB2JOW Secretary