

Walton Radio Association
Minutes of the May Meeting
May 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at the Walton Fire Department building, Walton, NY at 2:05 P.M. by President W2RRK. Those in attendance were as follows: N2WDV, W2RRK, AA2RM, KB2RLH, W2TKB, AA2PA, W2CD, AB2IC, K2EZK, NX2J, KC2CQS and XYL, (now KD2AEJ) and WB2JOW.

Reports

The minutes of the April, 2011 meeting were read and approved as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,477.46. The banking statement was confirmed by the secretary.

Nets: CW – 18 check-ins. FM – 21 check-ins.

Old Business

KB2RLH reminded the WRA about the 10k run in Delhi scheduled for 6/4/2011.

W2RRK reported that the duplexer supplied with the 70 cm repeater is not tunable in the desired operating range. W2RRK has obtained pricing on an appropriate duplexer.

New Business

W2RRK reported that a new tower is being constructed at the Sheriff's office. The tower is to be used for the micro wave communication system. The tower proper is to be 140', with fixtures it is permitted for 170'. This tower may be used for the 2m. station and possibly for the 70 cm repeater. W2RRK indicated that the 2 m station is still in the same location as the original location in response to a question from KB2RLH.

It was reported that the K2NK 146.955 MHz repeater is still out of service.

Field Day (FD) - W2RRK suggest a possible back up location to N2WDV's location could be More Park, Walton. More Park is an open space at ~1,400 ' elevation. W2RRK offered the use of an RV for the FD shack. W2TKB suggested that More Park be checked by WRA members for the possible installation of the wire type antennas that are normally used by the W2LZ FD HF CW stations.

W2RRK has composed a sample invitation for use with local elected officials, inviting them to the FD exercise.

W2RRK reported on a newly developed Li/NaCl battery, which apparently has an extended storage capacity rating.

KB2CQS provided a comprehensive report of several items related to the 147.315 MHz repeater station, which he hosts at his QTH. He described the condition of the transmission line, duplexer, repeater and amplifier. He is also in the process of completing a coverage map for the 147.315 MHz repeater.

Part of his report discussed possible improvements that may be considered for the receiving system and the antenna system. Additional information was also provided about suggested improvements in the station grounding system with respect to lightning protection.

He further reported on the condition of the Woodlawn Road tower which was removed from that site and has been relocated to his QTH, including a discussion of the necessary base configuration which may be needed if it is to be installed there.

The next meeting is planned for Sunday June 5, 2011 at the Walton Fire Department building, Walton, NY at 2:00 P.M. Refreshments to be provided by W2RRK.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M. Today's refreshments were provided by W2TKB.

It is noted that KC2CQS' XYL, Theresia A. Kisielewski, "Terry", successfully completed the testing requirements for the Technician class license during the WRA meeting. Her new call is KD2AEJ.

Congratulations!!

Respectfully submitted, WB2JOW, Secretary