

Walton Radio Association
Minutes of the October Meeting
October 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order at the Walton Fire Department building, Walton, NY at 2:02 P.M. by President W2RRK.. Those in attendance were as follows: N2WDV, KB2RLH, W2TKB, W2CD, AB2IC, K2EZK, NX2J, KC2IKQ, W2RRK, and WB2JOW.

Reports

The minutes of the September, 2011 meeting were read, amended and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,405.14 (no change from September report).

Nets: CW – 15 check-ins.

FM – 3 check-ins (repeater performance problems).

Old Business

Present members thanked KC2IKQ for donating the hot dogs for last month's picnic.

W2RRK reported that hurricane Irene damaged the antenna at the W2LZ repeater site. The antenna failure apparently subsequently resulted in damage to the repeater station equipment. The repeater has been repaired and has been restored to service at 30 watts to the antenna. The TE Systems amplifier was damaged and the finals in the repeater output section were also replaced. A second failure apparently occurred, disabling the amplifier. W2RRK reported that we have a preliminary estimate for trouble shooting the TE System amplifier. Without the amplifier, the repeater coverage has been reduced.

Those present discussed the option of repairing the amplifier or the purchase of a new amplifier.

K2EZK inquired about Tri-County electronics providing repair services at \$100 per hour. A discussion of power related problems followed.

A motion was approved to return the TE Systems 1406G to the factory for repairs. It was mentioned by W2RRK that the price of a new 1406G is approximately \$433.

A motion had been previously approved to reimburse KC2CQS for expenses associated with repairs made to the repeater equipment. K2EZK will arrange for the payment to KC2CQS.

Discussion about the insurance of the repeater equipment followed. The plan being considered costs \$1.40 per \$100 of equipment value. W2RRK estimates the replacement costs of our repeater station to be approximately \$5,400. KB2RLH reported about his personal experience with insurance coverage of his ham radio equipment. A copy of the insurance plan description is filed with these minutes.

A motion was approved requesting that W2RRK obtain the additional costs of including liability insurance coverage as well as the equipment insurance coverage.

The WRA's tower is in need of rust mitigation and painting. There is no plan to re-install the tower at this point in time.

New Business

N2WDV reported that the Harvest Festival is again being planned for October 8 at the fairgrounds in Walton. The club decided to decline the invitation to participate this year as several members have conflicts for that day.

K2EZK will market the WRA's Omni transceiver in the range of \$175 to \$200. N2WDV suggested that K2EZK keep looking for an alternate transceiver for the club's use.

W2RRK announced a raffle for VHF equipment being sold by the Oneonta club.

The next meeting is planned for Sunday, November 6, 2011 at the Walton Fire Department (WFD) building, Walton, NY at 2:00 P.M.

Refreshments will be provided by W2RRK.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Refreshments for today's meeting were provided by W2TKB and KC2IKQ..

Respectfully submitted,

WB2JOW
Secretary