

Walton Radio Association  
Minutes of the September Meeting  
September 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order at the Walton Fire Department building, Walton, NY at 2:00 P.M. by President KB2RLH. Those in attendance were as follows: KB2RLH, N2WDV, K2EZK, AA2RM, KC2IKQ, NX2J, W2TKB, AB2IC, WB4AEF, W2RRK, and WB2JOW.

### **Reports**

The minutes of the August, 2010, meeting were read and approved as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2676.86 (no change from August).

Nets: CW – 13 check-ins. (N2WDV reported on a CW net visitor from Reading, PA).  
FM – 11 check-ins. (AB2IC indicated weekly attendance to be approximately 2-3 stations)

### **Old Business**

Repeater update provided by KB2RLH:

KC2CQS (host of the 147.315 MHz, W2LZ repeater station) has become an expert on the repeater's operation. The "receive side" has lost some sensitivity following the addition of the amplifier and pre-amplifier equipment. KC2CQS has replaced portions of the transmission line hardware. A consultant in Oneonta suggested that the duplexers be re-aligned to assist in boosting the receiving function. The consultant will check for the actual isolation level between the transmit and receiving side compared to its rated value.

It was also reported that W2RRK has been assisting with the repeater work. KC2CQS is investigating the use of a pre-cast concrete base foundation for the 65 ft. tower installation along with a tilt-type coupling for the base. W2RRK and KC2CQS traced a template of the tower's cross section dimension to determine if additional sections may be obtained for the tower. W2RRK suggested using a local body shop to sand blast the tower prior to painting same. AA2RM may have a sand blasting device which could be employed to prepare the tower surfaces for painting provided that a suitable compressed air supply can be secured.

AB2IC questioned whether the frequency settings for the repeater station may no longer be accurate, thus contributing to the loss of signal on the receiving side. W2RRK reported that the receiving function is normal at lowered power output levels from the transmitter side.

W2RRK reported that the 146.955 MHz repeater has been down for repairs at K2NK's location for the past month or so. Additionally, he reported that the 146.745 MHz repeater has not yet been relocated, nor has the 6 meter repeater been relocated.

**New Business**

K2EZK questioned whether one final payment should be issued to the owners of the Woodlawn Road repeater site property. No action was taken.

W2RRK said that the Harvest Festival is being planned for October 9 at the Delaware Co. fairgrounds. However, the WRA has not been contacted. Additional discussion will occur at the October WRA meeting.

K2EZK reported that there are upcoming hamfests scheduled for Syracuse, NY on September 18 and Elmira, NY on September 25. He reported that the Trumansburg hamfest was well attended.

KB2RLH reported on a lightning strike which destroyed his HF rig and damaged or destroyed several other pieces of electronic equipment at his home QTH during August. W2RRK provided him with a 2 meter rig for temporary VHF access.

The next meeting is planned for 2:00 PM on October 3, 2010 at the Walton Fire Department. The refreshments will be provided by N2WDV and W2CD.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 PM, with refreshments being provided by AA2RM and KB2RLH.

Respectfully submitted,

WB2JOW  
Secretary