

LAKES REGION REPEATER ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

August 23, 1986

The Annual Meeting was called to Order by the Vice-President, Dave Walsh, W1FYX at 2:15 PM at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilgord, N.H. The meeting was preceded by a delicious buffet luncheon, so the membership was ready to settle down for the business-at-hand. (Charlie, K1ELM didn't finish up the ice cream left on the tables, so we gave it to him in a doggie bag!) Present at the meeting were: Dave W1FYX, Johnny, W1JY; Howard, W1QXB; Hu, W1LIM; Roger, K1NXV; Sy, N1ACB; Peter, K1OLV; Barney, N1DCD; Howard, W3IGW, Lee, N1AHP; John, W1DKZ; Charlie, K1ELM; Andy, K1NYS; Dick, W1NBL; Sid, K1PQV; Ray, W1SVI; Rudy, W1MSK; Wilbur, KA4YEW; Dave KZ1I; Ruth, N1BAE;. (There were 31 persons at the lunch; the women "retired" elsewhere for the meeting.) There were no minutes from the previous Annual Meeting.

Dave Walsh called on Dick, W1NBL for a Nominating Committee Report. He gave Nominations as follows: Dave Walsh, W1FYX as President; Johnny Johnson, W1JY as Vice-President; Hu Topliff, W1LIM as Secretary, and Howard Gilbert, W1QXB as Treasurer. Nominations from the floor were called for. Motion made to close the balloting and have the Secretary pro-tem, W1LIM, cast one ballot for the slate. Voted in the affirmative.

President Dave then proclaimed this as "make-or-break-year" for the Association. The history is well-known to all, and he declared that with hard work and real cooperation will make this Association a "going thing" and the repeater truly a viable repeater for the Lakes Region. Howard, W1QXB reported a balance of \$131.53 was turned over to him, with almost no records. He also reported that the Association had purchased a new antenna and a linear amplifier for the repeater. All bills have been paid. Dave then read from the Association Constitution the provision for a Financial Committee, and reported that it had not been active. He stated that he was going to have the Financial Committee serve as a Board of Directors for the Association. Members of the Committee are the President, the Treasurer, Andy, K1NYS, Sid, K1PQV, and Sy, N1ACB. A meeting of the Committee will be held soon. Pres. Dave also appointed Dick W1NBL, Pete, K1OLV and Johnny, W1JY as the members of the Technical Committee.

Dave stated his feelings that the Association ought to meet more than twice a year so that we could enjoy one another, and carry on business of the Association more readily. Monthly, or even weekly gatherings at some Coffee Shop were mentioned, but no definitive action was taken.

Johnny, W1JY, stated that a standby repeater, ready-to-go, is available at his place, but would appreciate someone else storing it. Sy, N1ACB, volunteered to house it at his place. Johnny stated that Dave Metz had loaned us a control unit which is now being returned to him because we no longer need that one. Sy is to store the spare duplex filter unit

General Comments made: Sy: "Why have we lost members?" "Just where is the Association headed?" Rudy: "Thanks to the technical committee for all they have done, especially Charlie, for all they and he have done to keep the repeater going." Andy: "The Site Committee made up a report. Where is it? I have a copy of it." Ed Kinney has it. There was a great discussion regarding the site(s) for the repeater; technical problems with the Brick Yard Hill tower mentioned. Possibilities for location, especially the Brick Yard Hill site were discussed along with difficulties to be overcome. Andy is going to copies of the Site Report to Dave who will then distribute it to the Technical Committee at a meeting to be held within a month. Rudy, later followed by Barney, volunteered to underwrite 10% of site costs should we incur such, at least for the time being. Suggestion was made to take the old tower down and put up a utility pole for the antenna at the Brick Yard Hill site. Pete to approach owner of the property as to possibilities. We still have a shed and some equipment at that site, although the repeater is in operation from Sam Sayward's W1EMN location in Wolfboro.

There was much discussion over the possibility of raising dues and even assessing the members on top of that in order to meet expenses. Much discussion pro and con. It was mentioned that some years back the dues were \$20.00 per years. Dave Metz moved "Dues be raised to \$20.00 plus an assessment of \$10.00 per member effective immediately." Seconded. Major feelings were that we should make definite plans for the repeater, know what costs were involved, have a truly viable repeater "on line", and then ask for financial help. The motion was DEFEATED.

Dave Metz offered his list of hams in the Lakes Region which will be picked up by the Secretary. He mentioned having Association members listing all callsigns heard on the repeater, then drawing up a "Welcome Letter" and informational sheet about the repeater to be sent to all "new" hams. Dave's list will be handy for this purpose.

Dick, W1NBL, stated that presently our repeater is uncoordinated, meaning we are not in the listed location, using greater power, etc., so that any complaints by other repeaters might put us off the air until and unless we (1) go back to the coordinated conditions, or (2) become coordinated by an accurate, up-to-date listing. This will have to be pursued.

Pres. Dave asked if Pheasant Ridge is the best or most acceptable place to meet, and it was felt strongly that it is.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Hubert J. Topliff W1LIM  
Secretary