

Lakes Region Repeater Association
Annual Meeting
Secretary's Report

September 21, 2003

I. Introduction: The President, Bob Ness, opened the meeting at 1:15 p.m. He reported that Frank Quimby, was at a weekend training so Joe Jeffrey, Vice-President would give the Treasurer's report. He welcomed newly-weds Sherwood and Emily Kidder. Those present also included: Joe Fermano and Naomi, Dale Smith and Sarah, Dan Morgan and Mary, Lyn Ness, Dick Brook and Carol, Skip and Carol Johnson, and Tom Bates

II. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the September 15, 2002 (recorded by Bob Ness in the secretary's absence) were passed out by Bob and approved by a motion from Dick Brook with a second by Emily Kidder.

III. Treasurer's Report: Joe Jeffrey, VP reviewed the Treasurer's Report in Frank's absence. Dan Morgan inquired about the status of name tags. Tom Bates advised he is still exploring options, there is a new local printer and he expects to know more by the next Sunday morning LRRR breakfast. With a motion by Emily Kidder and a second from Dan Morgan, the report was accepted unanimously.

IV. Technical Committee: Dan Morgan stated that the repeater was running well with the exception of a fan problem (when the temperature rises the repeater quits). Dan reactivated an old one, Tom Bates donated a motor, and Frank Hammond reports it's running smoothly.

IV. Review Activities: Bob reviewed LRRR activities over the past year: repeater work; Sun 6AM breakfast at the Soda Shoppe-Laconia, and George's-Meredith the last of the month; some work parties for antennae work; Feb- Valentine's Brunch at Kingswood Regional High School, Wolfeboro; May- Smith River Canoe Race-Lion's Club, Wolfeboro radio assistance by Herb Baldwin, Art Buckner, Dan Morgan, Bruce Beaman, Joe Bradley,; July 4th Wolfeboro Parade staging with Dan Morgan, Joe Bradley, Artie Buckner, Bruce Beaman; attendance in spring and fall at Hosstrader's flea market. Field Day in June was one of the best ever. A 160m loop set up by Dale Smith made quite a difference with contacts coming in. The results were submitted to ARRL with 700+. Tom Bates ran CW and Dale's trailer was set up running most of the night. More operators would enable the club to get more points and contacts. There were many visitors, Sarah Silk cooked for everyone there from Sat through Sun afternoon takedown. Bob thanked Dan for the use of his farm and all those that helped setup on Friday as well as take down on Sunday.

Future Activities: Bob expects the Lion's to continue with their request for assistance in 2004 for the Smith River Canoe Race, the American Legion for the July 4th Parade, Field Day at Dan's, spring and fall Hosstraders, a spring meeting for LRRR and the Annual Meeting in fall 2004.

Membership is up from 67 last year to 68 currently. At 60 yrs Bob is one of the youngest members. A discussion ensued about cell phones as a possible reason young people are not into the hobby.

Events such as Field Day and introducing friends, relatives, and young neighbors was suggested.

V. Old Business: Covered in Bob's review.

VI. New Business: Dan and Dick discussed increasing club membership-1 year free membership as a possible incentive (perhaps with no voting rights). Dick said another club puts them on the roster and gets all information to them. Sarah mentioned a school radio club in VT and connecting to the teachers in LRRA. Carol Johnson advised the Gilford historical society was doing a program on Morse Code. There was reference to Mike Stone's club at school through Central NH radio club donations, but it fizzled out. Marconi 100th anniversary was noted. Naomi and Carol won 2 headsets donated by Dale Smith as door prizes.

VII. Adjournment: Bob thanked everyone for coming. With a motion by Tom Bates, second by Emily, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah M Silk, Secretary