## West River Radio Club 10 January, 2006

The WRRC held its regular meeting on January 10, 2006 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:02L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

#### Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	KD6MPY, Sean-VP	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	AA1T, Grant
KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed	KB1J, Richard	W2NH, Gordon
KB1LQB, Chas	KB1LQB, Chas	KA1ZQX, Tim	KB1MUF, Peter
Walter Van Ness	W1ZS, Burt	W1OKO, Oliver	

Thanks to all who attended. It was another great turn out!

Prior to the meeting John, N1TOX, Chas, KB1LQB, and Sean, KD6MPY delivered and installed a most professionally well built and finished cabinet for our GCH station. The cabinet maker responsible for it all is none other than our President, N1TOX. It is our hope to soon be on the air and allow some OJT for newer Hams and those without HF capabilities at home. Sean, KD6MPY, and I hope to create some RF during the FISTS Sprint on February 11.

John, N1TOX, conducted a short business meeting via a Power Point presentation. Items covered and discussed included:

- o A warm welcome home to Tim, KA1ZQX. It was great to see him back home from the big sand box.
- o Nets. Despite problems we will continue on and persevere
  - A HF net on 19:00L on 3.985
  - A 2 meter net at 19:30L on 147.015 plus 600 offset and a 100 Hz PL

You're encouraged to stop by and say hello and maybe even learn something.

- A call for ideas from club members regarding ideas for club activities, ideas on new things to try, etc. Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: <a href="mailto:nlow@adelphia.net">nlow@adelphia.net</a> <a href="mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net">kd6mpy@arrl.net</a> <a href="mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net">kd6mpy@arrl.net</a> <a href="mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net">kd6mpy@arrl.net</a>
- o Coverage of our many 2005 accomplishments
- o RACES activities and the work being done to set up stations at area hospitals
- o RACES member information. We are in need of additional phone numbers cell phones, pagers, etc. Please forward this information onto N1TOX and/or K1KU.
- o John is waiting for word on the time and place for dosimetry training for RACES members. Stay tuned.
- o Sean, KD6MPY, discussed our upcoming Extra class (see below)
- O John would like ALL RACES members, and any non-RACES folks, to fill out an ARES Application. We strongly encourage dual membership for emergency planning. You can get a Word document from ARRL at <a href="http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/">http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/</a>, then look in the FSD-98 ARES Registration Forms section. Then Email it to <a href="mailto:n1tox@adelphia.net">n1tox@adelphia.net</a>. He will send you a membership card.

K1KU, Darrel, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the FISTS organization, an international group existing for the purpose of promoting and preserving the use of CW. For further information go to <a href="https://www.fists.org">www.fists.org</a>

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## **Upcoming Events:**

- Extra class to begin on January 19 at 7 PM at RESCUE in Brattleboro. The class will end on March 16 with a VE exam. Interested? Need more information? Send an email to Sean, KD6MPY, at kd6mpy@arrl.net
- o Board of Director's meeting at 11:30 AM at Hunan Gardens (It has another name now) by Staples in Brattleboro. All are welcome.
- o February meeting. Because the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of February falls on Valentine's Day we will meet this month only on February 7 same time and place. The program will be a presentation by N1TOX, on emergency preparedness, making up "Go Kits", etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:25L.

There being time available Tim, KA1ZQX, showed pictures on the big screen of his activities in Kuwait.

And that's how I heard it. Please advise of any errors, corrections, omissions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU

Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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I respectively urge you to take advantage of this procedure.

Thanks and 73, Darrel – K1KU

## West River Radio Club 07 February, 2006

The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on February 7, 2006 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:02:42 L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

#### Present were:

N1TOX, John-President KD6MPY, Sean-VP K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas AA1T, Grant KB1HCG, Mark KB1KSR, Ed W2NH, Gordon KB1LQB, Chas KA1ZQX, Tim Walter Van Ness

Thanks to all who attended.

John, N1TOX, conducted a short business meeting via a Power Point presentation. Items covered and discussed included:

- o Tim, KA1ZQX, was welcomed to the Board of Directors as the club's new PR man.
- Our new ICOM dual bander was on display. This gear was purchased with Townshend grant money.
- The club has an E-letter in pdf format containing pictures and items of interest to club members.
   It will be sent out at the end of each month. Any ideas for a catchy name for this electron newsletter can send their suggestions to k17dn@sover.net
- o The March 8 RACES drill (which no one knew the date of) has been postponed. Stay tuned for further information as it becomes available.
- Nets. Despite problems we will continue on and persevere. The current problem is the Extra class now being held on Thursday evenings. Most of the net stalwarts are either enrolled or teaching.
  - A HF net on 19:00L on 3.985
  - A 2 meter net at 19:30L on 147.015 plus 600 offset and a 100 Hz PL

ANYONE can open one of the nets. If no one is heard it still counts as a net.

- The call for thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities is always there.
   Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: <a href="mailto:nlowedge
- o Legislative action at the state level could well extend the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) for VY to a twenty mile radius. This action would add several towns that would need coverage.
- o RACES member information. We are in need of additional phone numbers cell phones, pagers, etc. Please forward this information onto N1TOX and/or K1KU.
- O Dual membership is strongly encouraged in RACES & ARES. You can get a Word document form ARRL at <a href="http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/">http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/</a>, then look in the FSD-98 ARES Registration Forms section. Then Email it to <a href="mailto:nltox@adelphia.net">nltox@adelphia.net</a>. He will send you a membership card.

During informal discussion it was agreed to leave our net on the 147.015 machine for this year. W2NH, Gordon, also asks us to think ahead to a repeater work party on Newfane Hill when the weather improves.

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At this point in the evening John, N1TOX gave a PowerPoint presentation on Go Kits and message handling. Much discussion took place and all left with a new idea or two.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- o The Extra class is progressing well. The text session will be on March 16, 2006 at Rescue, Inc. in Brattleboro. If you're not in the class, but would like to test for any class of license send an email to Sean, KD6MPY, at kd6mpy@arrl.net
- o Board of Director's meeting at 11:30 AM at the Panasian Restaurant by Staples in Brattleboro. (The old Hunan Gardens) All are welcome.
- o March meeting on the 14th in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital. The program will be a presentation rig controls for battling interference.
- o Think ahead to the March of Dimes walkathon the last Sunday in April. It has been our custom to provide communications in Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Springfield.
- o Annual spring Skywarn training (TBD)
- o There is the possibility of a CPR class in the fall. Stay tuned.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:15L.

And that's how I heard it. Please advise of any errors, corrections, omissions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley - K1KU

Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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Thanks and 73, Darrel – K1KU

## West River Radio Club 14 March, 2006

The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on March 14, 2006 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:00 L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

#### Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	KD6MPY, Sean-VP	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	KB1HCG, Mark
KB1KSR, Ed	W2NH, Gordon	KB1LQB, Chas	Christina Perugini
Jane (Guest)	K1EGL, Chuck	KB1MUF, Peter	KB1J, Richard
KA1ZQX, Tim	Walter Van Ness	N1HOS, Jack	

Thanks to all who attended. For those who couldn't make it – well, we missed you.

John, N1TOX, conducted a short business meeting via Power Point. Items covered and discussed included:

- o Tim, KA1ZQX, was welcomed to the Board of Directors as the club's new PR man.
- o Tim has also taken over as DEC for Windham County. John, N1TOX, has reverted back to his roll as EC. For questions re ARES or to join contact Tim at <a href="mailto:ka1zqx@netzero.net">ka1zqx@netzero.net</a>
- o N1TOX, John, raised the question of how we can thank Townshend for their \$1000 gift to the club and possible future grants of money. Please send any ideas to Tim (<u>ka1zqx@netzero.net</u>) or John (<u>n1tox@adelphia.net</u>)
- o The club's new E-letter in pdf format will continue publication. It will be sent out at the end of each month. Any suggestions or ideas can be sent to <a href="mailto:kl7dn@sover.net">kl7dn@sover.net</a>
- The March 8 RACES drill was cancelled. Stay tuned for further information on drill dates as they become available.
- o CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training: Three day20 hour classes will be offered in Brattleboro and Bellows Falls in April. John, N1TOX, will re mail the information on this
- The Thursday night net will continue. Be reminded that anyone can step in and start the net. If necessary, talk to yourself. Things will undoubtedly pick up once the Extra class is over.
  - A HF net on 19:00L on 3.985
  - A 2 meter net at 19:30L on 147.015 plus 600 offset and a 100 Hz PL ANYONE can open one of the nets. If no one is heard it still counts as a net.
- The call for thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities is always there.
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- O Tech class: Hinging on the availability of the new texts from the League a class will start in June. Although anyone interested in entering the wonderful hobby is welcome a major goal of this class will be to get hospital personnel involved (BMH, Retreat, Springfield, and VT Department of Health) so that workers can be able to operate the radios in their buildings. There is a definite need for new blood in our hobby.

## Mark your calendar:

March 23: VE session at Rescue Inc. This is for the Extra class currently being held, but we'll test anyone. Contact Sean, KD6MPY – kd6mpy@arrl.net

March 25 – Next Board of Director's meeting. 11:30 AM at Panasian Restaurant

May 2 – Skywarn training. Brattleboro Savings and Loan community room. 6:30 to 9 PM

May 5-6 – Hosstraders. More information at www.hosstraders.com

May 13 – March of Dimes walk – Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Springfield

**April 11** – WRRC meeting. Grace Cottage Hospital at 7 PM

**June 24-25** – Field Day

Fall - There is the possibility of a CPR class in the fall. Stay tuned.

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At this point in the evening Darrel, K1KU, and Sean, KD6MPY, gave a presentation on dealing with receiver interference.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:21L.

And that's how I heard it. Please advise of any errors, corrections, omissions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley - K1KU

Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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Thanks and 73, Darrel – K1KU

## West River Radio Club 11 April, 2006

The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on April 11, 2006 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 18:58 L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

#### Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	KD6MPY, Sean-VP	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	KB1HCG, Mark
KB1KSR, Ed	W2NH, Gordon	KB1LQB, Chas	Christina Perugini
AA1T, Grant	K1EGL, Chuck	K1IK, Al	KB1J, Richard
KA1ZQX, Tim	KB1JNA, Walter	N1HOS, Jack	WB7SEK, Roger

Thanks to all who attended. I think that the above numbers set a record. Keep up the good work!

John, N1TOX, conducted a short business meeting via Power Point. Items covered and discussed included:

- o Congratulations were passed out to those who stepped up in the ranks of Amateur Radio operators at our March 23 VE session, namely:
  - N1HOS, Jack Adams Extra
  - KB1LQB, Chas Baker General
  - KB1KSR, Ed Phoenix Extra

- N1ESK, David Andrews General & Extra (two exams)
- KB1JNA, Walter Van Ness Technician
- o The club's new E-letter in pdf format will continue publication. It will be sent out at the end of each month. Any suggestions or ideas can be sent to kl7dn@sover.net
- o A Technician class is scheduled to start on June 6. Call a non-Ham friend and sell them on how great this hobby is. New blood is needed.
- o CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training: Three day20 hour classes will be offered in Bellows Falls on April 22, 23, and 29.
- o KA1ZQX, Tim, reported on his efforts at getting the word out about our club and Ham Radio in general
- The call for thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities is always there.
   Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: <a href="mailto:nlow@adelphia.net">nlow@adelphia.net</a> <a href="mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net">kd6mpy@arrl.net</a> <a href="mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net">kd6mpy@arrl.net</a> <a href="mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net">kd6mpy@arrl.net</a>

Mark your calendar (Also check our web site at www.westriverradio.net)

- **April 26**: Dosimetry Training for ALL RACES Members. The class starts at 6:30 PM in the Brattleboro Municipal Center 3rd Floor (Room 306)
- May 2 Skywarn training (basic). Brattleboro Savings and Loan community room. 6:30 to 9 PM
- May 5-6 Hosstraders. More information at <u>www.hosstraders.com</u>
- May 9 Regular WRRC meeting in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting starts at 7 PM and the program will be on antennas and lightning protection
- May 13: March of Dimes Walk in Brattleboro and Springfield. This will actually be a parade in Brattleboro.
- May 20 Girls on the Run (GOTR) walk. Contact N1ESK, David, if you're interested in helping out n1esk@sover.net
- June 21 RACES drill maybe will be involved. Word has not yet come down from on high.
- **June 24-25** Field Day

- **July** ??? Week long pandemic drill for all hospitals in the state. Right now only three hospitals are up and ready (GCH, Central Vermont Hospital, and Newport Hospital). By July? Well, who knows?
- **August 5** Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day. This will be our third year at this fun event.
- Fall There is the possibility of a CPR class in the fall. Stay tuned.
- Any date GET RICH! Coerce someone into joining our club in 2006 and get your membership in 2007 for ½ off the regular selling price.

Whereas there will be no Board of Director's meeting in April (CERT class conflict on April 29) one was conducted now. Items discussed were:

- o Treasurer's report. We're in good shape as the hospital came through with remuneration for the cabinet materials.
- o VE Report. Sean, KD6MPY, spoke to the very successful pass rate at the March 23 session our highest yet.
- o RACES. John, N1TOX, applauded the fact that we lowly southerners have become the role model for the state. A reminder was given concerning the statewide RACES net held every Wednesday at 11:00L on 3.820 MHz. There is also a weekly test of VHF/UHF frequencies on the same day from noon to 12:15. Try to roust them on the 440.700 link.
- o Gordon, W2NH, reported on his continuing, and, I might ad, appreciated efforts at improving our 145.070 machine. He is currently investigating interference problems on the hill. He and Mark, KB1HCG, have been looking that area over and apparently considering purchase of a prime 5 acre site for VHF/UHF enthusiasts (HI). Thanks to both for their work.
- AA1T, Grant, has petitioned Leland & Gray HS for permission to set up a satellite station for contacting the International Space Station. This petition has been passed on to the science department and he is awaiting their decision. If an OK is received the contact will be attempted this fall.

At this point in the evening Sean, KD6MPY, gave a great live PC demonstration on web sites of interest to Hams. He covered way too many to mention them all, but he did cover the whole gamut, from the ARRL, to CW, parts sites, EHam, boat anchors, etc. Attached is Sean's program with many URLs. Good job, Sean.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:34L.

And that's how I heard it. Please advise me of any sins of commission or omission.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley - K1KU

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I respectively urge you to take advantage of this procedure.

Thanks and 73, Darrel – K1KU

# MINUTES West River Radio Club 09 May, 2006

The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on May 9, 2006 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 18:58 L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

#### Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas
W2NH, Gordon	KB1LQB, Chas	Christina Perugini	AA1T, Grant
K1EGL, Chuck	KB1J, Richard	KA1ZQX, Tim	KB1NJA, Walter
N1HOS, Jack	W1ZS Burt		

Thanks for supporting the club by your attendance.

John, N1TOX, conducted a short business meeting via Power Point. Items covered and discussed included:

- o All the training many of our members have been involved in − CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), Skywarn, and Dosimetry
- o Technician class Stay tuned on this one. Sean is staying in touch with the League re the availability of the new texts. In the meantime let anyone you know who is interested in being a part of this great hobby.
- Upcoming activities were gone over. March of Dimes, Girls on the Run, RACES drills, and Field Day. See the "calendar" section below for dates and contact information for each event.
- Treasurer's report. The account is looking good. Thanks to the Mark, KB1HCG, for his donated items that were sold at Hosstraders. Thanks, also, to Jack, N1HOS, KB1MUF, and KB1NJ, Walter for joining the ARRL through the club. Those three memberships made us richer by \$45.
- o Gordon, W2NH, gave a repeater update. He acquired a new antenna at Hosstraders to improve our links.

#### Program:

- o John, N1TOX, gave a good presentation via PowerPoint on various and sundry Big Gun antenna farms worldwide, as well as the joy and fun to be had from antenna experimentation. The availability of Antennas R Us installations was also gone over. A good site to check out
- o Mark, KB1HCG, gave a fine talk on lightning protection and proper grounding techniques. There were lots of items passed around for inspection and many sources given for acquiring goodies.

## Mark your calendar (Also check our web site at www.westriverradio.net)

- May 13: March of Dimes walk. Contact Richard, N1JSG, (n1jsg@adelphia.net) if you'd like to help with the Springfield march. Contact John, N1TOX, (n1tox@adelphia.net) to help out in Brattleboro. The Brattleboro folks will meet at the Common at 10:15L. Contact Richard for details on the Springfield walk.
- May 20 GOTR (Girls on the Run) walk. Contact N1ESK, David, if you're interested in helping out n1esk@sover.net
- May 20: Board of Directors meeting at the Pan Asian Restaurant by Staples in Brattleboro. We start up at 11:30 AM. All members are welcome.

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- June and July RACES and hospital drills: No word yet on dates. Stay tuned.
- **June 14**: Regularly scheduled meeting. **NOTE**: We will meet a half hour early at our Field Day site just up the road from GCH to do a site survey and discuss antenna/station positioning. We will adjourn to our regular meeting place at 19:00L or shortly thereafter. Give a shout on 146.52 if you need a talk in.
- June 23, 24, 25 Field Day at the QTH of Ed, KB1KSR, and Lois Phoenix in Townshend. Setup is on Friday PM starting at 14:00L and the actual event begins on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at 14:00L
- August 5 Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day. This will be our third year at this fun event.
- Fall There is the possibility of a CPR class in the fall. Stay tuned.
- Any date GET RICH! Coerce someone into joining our club in 2006 and get your membership in 2007 for ½ off the regular selling price.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:56L.

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Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU

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Thanks and 73, Darrel – K1KU

Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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## West River Radio Club 13 June, 2006

The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on June 13, 2006 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:05 L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

#### Present were:

N1TOX, John-President KB1HCG, Mark KB1KSR, Ed W2NH, Gordon K1EGL, Chuck KB1J, Richard KA1ZQX, Tim – PR N1HOS, Jack

K1KU, Darrel – Sec/Treasurer (FD Setup Meeting) AA1T, Grant (FD Setup Meeting)

Thanks for supporting the club by your attendance.

John, N1TOX, conducted a short meeting. Items covered and discussed included:

- o Reminder for all CERT members about the Bellows Falls Alumni Parade June 18, 2006 and out next meeting June 21 at the Putney FD at 1900 (L)
- We took a moment to remember Clarence Merritt N1FQS who is now a SK. A donation was made to the Windham Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company in his name.
- o We will also have a collection can to collect money at each meeting for the purpose of making donations, cards, flowers etc... for our member's best wishes. This money will be kept separate, and accounted for, for this purpose only. So if you have some spare change or a dollar, drop it into the can at the meeting for this cause.
- o Technician class Stay tuned on this one. Sean is working on a One Day course. More info to follow.
- O Upcoming activities were gone over. A Field Day 2006 layout meeting was conducted at Ed, KB1KRS QTH. This is our location for Field Day. This meeting session started at 1830 (L) and was moved to GCH at 1855(L). Please try to make this event, we are having a Pot Luck Dinner at 1800 (L) on Saturday. Bring a dish to share, and better yet, come and operate.
- o Treasurer's report. The report was passed around and we are in good shape.
- VY RACES drill on June 21. Meet at Bickford's at 0800 (L). No deployment word yet......
- o HealthCare RACES drill in July.... Watch for details.....
- The call for thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities is always there. Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: n1tox@adelphia.net kd6mpy@arrl.net k1ku@arrl.net

#### Program:

- O Gordon gave a 50 year history lesson to all attendees on how the repeater was born. And better yet, how he started to link the units together from NYC to Canada... Now we got to have him write it down for history sake......
- o Tim reported that he has submitted Field Day articles to the local papers to print with a picture. Maybe it will be printed this year.....
- Tim also played some audio clips from ARRL for Commercial Radio air time. We made a priority list of the 3 we listened to.

#### Mark your calendar (Also check our web site at www.westriverradio.net)

- June 21 and July 24 RACES drills: No word on deployment locations yet. Stay tuned.
- **June 23, 24, 25** Field Day at the QTH of Ed, KB1KSR, and Lois Phoenix in Townshend. Setup is on Friday PM starting at 14:00L and the actual event begins on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at 14:00L
- August 5 Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day. This will be our third year at this fun event.
- o **Any date GET RICH!** Coerce someone into joining our club in 2006 and get your membership in 2007 for ½ off the regular selling price.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:45 (L).

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Respectfully submitted,

John Borichevsky – President: WRRC

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I respectively urge you to take advantage of this procedure.

Thanks and 73, Darrel – K1KU

## West River Radio Club 11 July, 2006

The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on July 11, 2006 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:01 L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

#### Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	KD6MPY, Sean-VP	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed
K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	W1WOL, Bill	N1JSG, Richard	WB1CZA, Wil
W2NH, Gordon	W1ECO, Paul	Christina Perugini	AA1T, Grant
KA1ZQX, Tim	KB1NJA, Walter	N1HOS, Jack	W1ZS Burt

Thanks for making this another large attendance. And a warm welcome to three "first time" attendees: W1ECO, Paul – WB1CZS, Wil – W1WOL, Bill

John, N1TOX, conducted our business meeting via the magic of Power Point. Items covered and discussed included:

- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Our newly elected team leaders are KA1ZQX, Tim, and N1TOX, John. You can see what it's all about at <a href="http://www.dps.state.vt.us/vem/cert/">http://www.dps.state.vt.us/vem/cert/</a> If interested in joining contact Chief Keith Clark at <a href="https://www.dps.state.vt.us/vem/cert/">https://www.dps.state.vt.us/vem/cert/</a> If
- o Technician class − A two day crash course will be offered on August 19 − 20. If you know of any potential new Hams out there let them know of this class.
- o VP report
- o Treasurer's report. The account is looking good. A reminder: Please renew your ARRL membership via WRRC as we get a kick back. Directions are at the end of these minutes.
- o ARES report. Tim, KA1ZQX, DEC for Windham County, encouraged dual membership in RACES/ARES. Need info? Contact Tim at ka1zqx@netzero.net
- o PR report. Tim is to be congratulated on getting Field Day articles (some with pictures) into 3 publications this year. This also resulted in a visit to the FD site by a Reformer photographer.
- Newfane Hill report. W2NH, Gordon, and KB1HCG, Mark, filled us in on repeater progress up there. They, along with Grant, AA1T, have done extensive work up there refurbishing the ground system. Many suggestions were offered on how we should proceed with our repeater project. Help is needed in tuning a repeater. Anyone with the requisite skills can contact Gordon at w2nh@interplex.org. Our hearty thanks to all that these folks are doing for the WRRC and Ham Radio in general.
- o The club's new purchase guidelines were gone over. They are printed out at the end of these minutes.
- o K1KU, Darrel, presented a short PowerPoint presentation on our recent Field Day. Again, thanks to all that had a hand in making this a great event.
- o Sean, KD6MPY, covered possibilities for kits that will be built at our August 8 meeting. A list of URLs will be coming out via email. Please cast your vote with Sean at kd6mpy@arrl.net
- o Jack, N1HOS, reminded those assembled that the Mount Ascutney machine now has a PL of 110.9
- The call for thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities is always there. Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: <a href="mailto:nlowers.

Mark your calendar (Also check our web site at www.westriverradio.net)

- **July 28:** (New Date) RACES drill. Stay tuned. This is pandemic flu drill involving hospitals statewide.
- **July 29**: Board of Directors meeting at the Brattleboro House of Pizza (AKA BHOP) by Staples in Brattleboro. We start up at 11:30 AM. All members are welcome.
- August 5: Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day special event station. If interested in helping with set up we'll see you around 7:30 8 AM. Otherwise stop by for a visit sometime during the day and help us publicize our hobby to the public. We'll be "on the air" so take a turn at a rig. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of participation at this fine event.
- **August 5**: Bellows Falls Old Home Day. We're giving top priority to Gracie, but will try to have some CERT people at a booth in BF.
- **August 8**: Next regularly scheduled meeting of WRRC 7 PM in the EMT room of GCH.
- August 25-27: Boxboro, MA New England convention. Maybe some are interested in arranging a car pool
- **September 17**: EPOE (Emergency Power Operating Event) Look for an article in the August issue of the Digital Dispatch.
- October 6-7: Yours truly, and probably N1HOS, Jack, will have tables set up down by the race track. Stop by for a chat and perhaps purchase some jun--, I mean high quality Ham gear.
- Fall There is the possibility of a CPR class in the fall. Stay tuned.
- Any date GET RICH! Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2006 and get your membership in 2007 for ½ off the regular selling price. N1JSG, Richard, has already qualified for this discount.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:33L.

And that's how I heard it. Please advise me of any sins of commission or omission.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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Darrel - K1KU

Any and all purchases for the West River Radio Club must be approved by the West River Radio Club Board of Directors.

All purchases presented for purchase must include the following:

- An "Original" quote from the vendor showing the "Bill to Ship to" addresses and remittance address with contact information for the company where the items will be purchased.
- A proposal for the purchase (what the item(s) is (are) it to be used for and justification for the item(s))
- All purchases will be handled by the Secretary Treasurer and a check will be issued to the selling company for the purchase of the equipment, or reimbursement to the buyer on a preapproval basis only. Exceptions will be taken on a case by case basis due to discounts given etc... This must be approved in advance.
- All purchase must be accompanied by an original sales slip showing the item purchased, serial number (if applicable), SRP and selling price.
- All purchases will be handled by the Secretary Treasurer and a check will be issued to the selling company for the purchase of the equipment, or reimbursement to the buyer on a preapproval basis only. Exceptions will be taken on a case by case basis due to discounts given etc. This must be approved in advance.
- All purchase must be accompanied by an original sales slip showing the item purchased, serial number (if applicable), SRP and selling price.
- "Emergency" purchases can be made but will be limited in the amount and justification needs to be established.

## MINUTES West River Radio Club 8 August, 2006

The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on August 8, 2006 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:09 L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

N1TOX, John - President KA1ZQX, Tim - PR KB1LQB, Chas KB1HCG, Mark KB1KSR, Ed WB1CZA, Wil W2NH, Gordon W1ECO, Paul

N1HOS, Jack

Set up Friday night for GCH Fair Day was handled by Tim - KA1ZQX, Darrel - K1KU, Ed - KB1KSR, Walter - KB1NJA, and Grant - AA1T

Club members who made GCH Days a success by being there: N1JSG - Richard, KB1J - Richard, K1KU - Darrel, N1TOX - John, KB1KSR - Ed, W2NH - Gordon, AA1T - Grant, KB1NJA - Walter, WB1CZA - Wil (Sorry if we missed anyone, please let us know so we can update the file)

We had some good displays and presentation to the visitors. We had 15 phone QSO's, 2 PSK31 QSO's Many visitors attended, good turn out of members. Thanks to everyone who brought equipment.

#### Up-coming events:

- 19-20 Aug Tech class and VE session at 1500 in Brattleboro.
- Aug 12 Bridge of flowers road race in Shelburne Falls, MA
- Oct 6-7 Hosstraders
- OCT ?? Scout event "JOTA"
- Nov. 4 VEM RACES meeting Pittsford, VT VSP Academy
- Around Turkey day VE session
- Big E always looking for HAM's to help bige-w1e@allbrailee.com
- BOD meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of AUG at 11am
- Pictures were shown of the new tower Mark KB1HCG went and retrieved for the club.

Meeting suggestions for future meetings

• John N1TOX gave a demonstration Ham Radio Deluxe, Remote Communications. (Calling his home ham radio and talking to GCH radio in the same room as he sat in front of us)

The meeting was adjourned at 20:25L. (Thanks Tim for taking the notes)

And that's how we heard it. Please advise me of any sins of commission or omission.

Respectfully submitted,

John Borichevsky - N1TOX and Tim Bell - KA1ZQX

President and Press Representative: WRRC

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## West River Radio Club 12 September, 2006

The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on September 12, 2006 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:01:03L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

#### Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	KD6MPY, Sean-VP	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed
K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	WB1CZA, Wil	K1EGL, Chuck	W2NH, Gordon
W1ECO, Paul	AA1T, Grant (Pre meeti	ng) KB1NXN, Emily	KA1ZQX, Tim
KB1NJA, Walter	KB1NWU, Nathan	KB1J, Richard	N1PBX, Conrad
N1REB, Jeanette	KB1LQB, Chas	KB1NWT, John	

Thanks for making this another record meeting for attendance, namely 19. And a warm welcome to those "first time" attendees, some of whom are new to the ranks of Ham Radio: N1PBX, Conrad – WB1CZS, Wil – N1REB, Jeanette – KB1NWT, John – KB1NXN, Emily – KB1NWU, Nathan

John, N1TOX, started our short business meeting by issuing a welcome to our newest Hams and members. Note: Anyone becoming licensed via a WRRC test session earns a free membership in the WRRC. Everyone then introduced themselves with calls, names and location.

The material below was put forward via the magic of yet another excellent "TOX" Power Point presentation.

- o The last Board of Directors meeting was cancelled due to the conflict with the New England Division convention in Boxboro, MA
- o We will take on two more public service events, one on October 21, 2006, the Diabetes Walk in Brattleboro. If interested in participating email John, N1TOX, at n1tox@adelphia.net
  - Mark, KB1HCG, reported that our communication skills are also desired for the annual Strolling of the Heifers parade in Brattleboro. Stay tuned to this frequency.
- o Gordon, W2NH, gave a short report on his and Mark's, KB1HCG's, work on club repeaters. Help is needed on South Newfane hill before snow flies. If you're interested in lending a hand email Gordon at <a href="W2NH@interplex.org">W2NH@interplex.org</a>. Also let him know some possible "non weekend" dates that you'd be available. In the September issue of Digital Digest look for a listing of all the repeaters Gordon and Mark have made available to us. For those who can't wait I will also attach that info to these minutes.
- o Sean, KD6MPY, is planning another Technician course and VE session for October
- VP report. Sean reported on the last Crash course where 3 of the 4 participants passed and have obtained their Technician License
- o The BIG E. These folks are looking for Hams to serve at the Amateur Radio booth free entry and free parking for those who volunteer. To register, email bige-w1e@allbraille.com.
- Treasurer's report. Checking = \$1203.69. Cash on hand = \$39.94. A reminder: Please renew your ARRL membership via WRRC as we get a kick back of \$2 for each renewal. Directions are at the end of these minutes. A big thanks, also, to the five members who have joined the League through the club. We get a \$15 kick back for each new member. I.e., the following folks have made us \$75 richer: N1HOS, W1WOL, KB1NJA, KB1MUF, and KB1NWT.
- ARES report. Tim, KA1ZQX, DEC for Windham County, spoke to the upcoming ARES drill on September 23. Further information can be found at <a href="http://www.vtares.org">http://www.vtares.org</a> It is also Tim's wish that once a month one of the WRRC nets be devoted to ARES training. Tim is also looking for

- NCS volunteers for this net. The preamble can be found on our web site (<a href="www.westriverradio.net">www.westriverradio.net</a>) Stay tuned. Need more info? Contact Tim at <a href="kalzqx@netzero.net">kalzqx@netzero.net</a>
- The call for thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities is always there.
   Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: <a href="mailto:nlower:n1tox@adelphia.net">n1tox@adelphia.net</a> <a href="mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net">kd6mpy@arrl.net</a> <a href="mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net">kd6mpy@arrl.net</
- o John then showed us how we have grown in Windham County with a Google Earth maps he created to show the club's history in growth.

From this point on there was the smell of solder in the room as the remainder of the meeting was devoted to kit building. 5-6 individuals began construction of some very interesting and useful pieces of radio gear. And what a wonderful time it was for everyone, builders and on lookers alike!

Mark your calendar (Also check our web site at www.westriverradio.net)

- **September 23** Statewide ARES drill. Contact <u>kalzqx@netzero.net</u> for further information
- **September 30**: WRRC BOD meeting 11:30 at the Panasian Restaurant by Staples in Brattleboro.
- October 6-7: Yours truly will have tables set up down by the race track. Stop by for a chat and perhaps purchase some jun--, I mean high quality Ham gear. Check out the web site at www.hosstraders.com
- October ??: Technician class and VE session
- October 10: WRRC meeting. 19:00L at the EMT room Grace Cottage Hospital.
- October 21-22: JOTA (BSA Jamboree on the Air)
- October 21: Diabetes walk-a-thon in Brattleboro. Contact N1TOX if you'd like to assist. n1tox@adelphia.net
- **November 4**: RACES statewide convention in Pittsfield, VT at the Vermont State Police Academy
- November 8: RACES drill
- Any date GET RICH! Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2006 and get your membership in 2007 for ½ off the regular selling price. N1JSG, Richard, has already qualified for this discount.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:01L.

And that's how I heard it. Please advise me of any sins of commission or omission.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU

## West River Radio Club 10 October, 2006

The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on October 10, 2006 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:03:42L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

#### Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed	W2NH, Gordon
K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	W1ECO, Paul	AA1T, Grant	KA1ZQX, Tim
KB1NJA, Walter	N1PBX, Conrad	KB1LQB, Chas	N1HOS, Jack
WA2YEU, Rich (Honored guest)			

The material below was put forward via the magic of yet another excellent "TOX" Power Point presentation.

- o We will take on two more public service events, one on October 21, 2006, the Diabetes Walk in Brattleboro. If interested in participating email Roger, WB7SEK, at <a href="mailto:roglb@yahoo.com">roglb@yahoo.com</a> Meet at St Michael's Church (RC) at 9:30 AM. The walk starts at 10 AM.
- o Due to Sean, KD6MPY's absence there was no VP report
- o There was no ARES report
- o Wearing his PR hat time reported that he is "working on stuff."
- o The following simplex frequencies have been assigned as a standard for member usage:
  - 146.52 Congregate
  - 146.535 Local chat
  - 146.550 Primary
  - 146.565 Secondary

Now dig out that manual and let the programming begin. At least there are no offsets or PL tones to worry about!

- Speaking of FM Gordon, W2NH reported that the Athen's repeater frequencies were flip flopped in the last newsletter. Corrections will follow in the next newsletter. I'm pasting in the original frequency list at the end of these minutes.
- o The annual RACES conference will be held on November 4 in Pittsfield, VT at the Vermont Police Academy. Let any Board members know your desires on car pooling from the Roman Catholic Church in Chester, VT.
  - Our favorite President will be doing two presentations on remote control and Go Kits
  - Our local RACES team will coordinate a disaster response drill so bring those HTs.
- Mark, KB1HCG, reported that while working at the Dummerston Apple Pie Festival he spoke with Dwight Miller and Sherriff Guthrie. The presence of CERT members at this event would be welcomed.
- o Treasurer's report. Checking = \$1216.83. Cash on hand = \$43.14. A reminder: Please renew your ARRL membership via WRRC as we get a kick back of \$2 for each renewal. Directions are at the end of these minutes.
- The call for thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities is always there.
   Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: <a href="mailto:nlower:n1tox@adelphia.net">n1tox@adelphia.net</a> <a href="mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net">kd6mpy@arrl.net</a> <a href="mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net">kd6mpy@arrl.net</

Those present were treated to two good presentations, one by KA1ZQX, Tim, the other by KB1HCG, Mark. With the aid of PowerPoint Tim gave a quick overview of NTS message handling. I don't think

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that anyone left without learning something. On one WRRC net a month a short training session on traffic handling will be offered.

Mark came prepared with lots of "hands on" toys as he spoke about emergency power. He explained an ingenious way to get power into your house from your vehicle for powering various pieces of equipment. Maybe we can get Mark to make up a short hand out on this system for disbursement among the troops.

Mark your calendar (Also check our web site at www.westriverradio.net)

- **Ongoing**: WRRC 2 meter net on 147.015 (PL=100) every Thursday evening. The festivities commence at 19:30L
- October 20: A repeater work party is planned during the afternoon of this Friday. If you're available for assistance(strong backs/weak minds) give Gordon, W2NH a shout at w2nh@interplex.org
- October 21: Diabetes walk-a-thon in Brattleboro. Contact WB7SEK, Roger, if you'd like to assist. roglb@yahoo.com
- **November 4**: RACES statewide convention in Pittsfield, VT at the Vermont State Police Academy
- November 8: RACES drill
- November 14: Regular scheduled meeting of the WRRC in the EMT at Grace Cottage Hospital. This will be a "stick and lick" meeting to prepare our annual mailing to all Hams in Windham County.
- **November** ??: Technician class and VE session. Probably around turkey day
- Any date GET RICH! Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2006 and get your membership in 2007 for ½ off the regular selling price. N1JSG, Richard, has already qualified for this discount.
- **December 9**: Annual meeting. This consists of a potluck, mini ham fest and election of officers for 2007. Jeanette, N1REB, is heading up this event. Stay tuned for further details.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:50L.

And that's how I heard it. Please advise me of any sins of commission or omission.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

#### WRRC REPEATER LISTING

#### 12 October 2006

Note that the Athens, Alstead, and Walpole repeaters are linked machines and do not allow you to talk directly to anyone on these frequencies.

## **Newfane Hill**:

Transmit 147.090 PL 100.0 Receive 147.690 PL 100.0 and 110.9 Presently keys Walpole, Alstead and Athens repeaters

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Transmit 444.700 PL 110.9 Receive 449.700 PL 110.9 Links full time to Killington and the UHF network

Alstead: (Needs survey for coverage)
Transmit 147.690 PL 100.0 from
Receive 449.750 PL 110.9
Or
Transmit 444.750 PL 110.9 from
Receive 147.090 PL 100.0

Athens: (can be moved to new location) Limited - Grassy Brook Road valley

Transmit 147.690 PL 100.0 from Receive 440.775 PL 110.9 Or Transmit 445.775 PL 110.9 from Receive 147.090 PL 100.0

Transmit 53.210 PL 110.9 experimental at present. Will be first from Receive 147.090 PL 100.0 later from 444.700, 444.750, 444.850 and 445.775

## Walpole:

Transmit 147.690 PL 100.0 from Receive 449.850 PL 110.9 Or Transmit 444.850 PL 110.9 from Receive 147.090 PL 100.0

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I respectively urge you to take advantage of this procedure.

Thanks and 73, Darrel – K1KU

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## West River Radio Club 14 November, 2006

The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on November 14, 2006 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:02:42L by Vice President Sean Sanderson, KD6MPY.

#### Present were:

KD6MPY, Sean VP	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed	W2NH, Gordon
K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	W1ECO, Paul	AA1T, Grant	KA1ZQX, Tim
N1PBX, Conrad	KB1LQB, Chas	N1HOS, Jack	KB1J, Richard
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KB1XU, Dale Shipp (Honored guest/speaker)

We missed the presence of our President, N1TOX, John, who was laid up with a cold, bug, the creeping crud, whatever. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Our VP, Sean, KD6MPY brought the following matters before the members for discussion.

- o Secretary/Treasurer report. Darrel reported that monies on hand are as follows:
  - Checking = \$1,238.69
  - Cash on hand = \$46.14
- o Tim, KA1ZQX reported on the recent RACES drill
- o Tim also reported that on the ARES side he and John, N1TOX are looking for assistance. If you would like to step forward to help in promoting ARES EmComm communication contact either Tim (ka1zqx@netzero.net) or John (n1tox@adelphia.net)
- o A new, well, sort of used, Station Master antenna has been installed in a better tower location on Newfane Hill by W2NH, Gordon KB1HCG, Mark, and AA1T, Grant. Thanks folks. You are encouraged to check it out at 147.090 with a PL of 110.9.
  - On the next 2 meter net Tim, KA1ZQX, suggested that the NCS take five minutes to QSY to 147.090 to determine how many participants can access the club machine.
- O The call for thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities is always there. Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: <a href="mailto:nlow@adelphia.net">nlow@adelphia.net</a> <a href="mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net">kd6mpy@arrl.net</a> <a href="mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.

At this point Dale, KB1XU, gave one fine presentation on mobile installations. Dale works for the town o Brattleboro and handles all the installs and maintenance on police cruisers, Fire Department vehicles and public works equipment. There were numerous hand outs (some provided by N1HOS, Jack) and items to see, touch and feel. His experience is extensive and no one walked away without learning something. Thanks, Dale.

Attached you will find a flow chart pdf file for trouble shooting mobile noise problems. It's attached here as your humble correspondent forgot to bring copies to the meeting.

Likewise, all learned something new when Mark, KB1HCG, closed off his very informative talk on emergency power. More "toys" were provided to get our hands on, even a manual transfer switch, useful for when you get that generator up and running.

Mark your calendar (Also check our web site at www.westriverradio.net)

■ **Ongoing**: WRRC 2 meter net on 147.015 (PL=100) every Thursday evening. The festivities commence at 19:30L

- November 18-19: Technician "crash" class and VE session, if Sean, KD6MPY can dig up some more bodies, that is. The VE session will take place even if the class doesn't run. That's at 3 PM on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **November 25**: Board of Director's meeting at Brattleboro House of Pizza by Staples. This meeting begins at 11 AM.
- **December 9 10:00 till 14:00L**: This will be the WRRC's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting, starting with conversation, a mini ham fest, and potluck lunch at noon. After filling our bellies we will elect the club's officers for 2007. So, bring yourself, the spouse or SO, kids, whatever for a great Saturday. Jeanette, N1REB is heading this affair up so please RSVP to her at n1reb@sover.net
- Any date GET RICH! Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2007 and get your membership in 2008 for ½ off the regular selling price. N1JSG, Richard, has already qualified for this discount.

The meeting was adjourned at.....OK, so I didn't look at may watch. I can't be expected to remember everything.

And that's how I heard it. Please advise me of any sins of commission or omission.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU

Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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Thanks and 73,

Darrel - K1KU

## West River Radio Club 09 December, 2006

The WRRC held its annual meeting on December 09, 2006 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. Our annual meetings consist of a potluck, mini ham fest and short meeting to elect officers for the ensuing year. After a serious session of rag chewing and bartering, the meeting was called to order at 11:17:42L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

#### Present were:

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N1TOX, John	KD6MPY, Sean VP	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	KB1HCG, Mark
KB1KSR, Ed	Lois Phoenix	W2NH, Gordon	W1ECO, Paul
Joy Wallens-Perford	AA1T, Grant	N1JSG, Richard	KA1ZQX, Tim
Liz Bell	WB1CZA, Wil	N1PBX, Conrad	KB1LQB, Chas
N1HOS, Jack	Ben Osborne	N1REB, Jeanette	KB1NXN, Emily
N1ESK, David	KA1CYZ, Jenifer	Kate Ambler	Charles Underhill
K1TEZ, Bjarne	Ina Abildgaard	KB7SEK, Roger	KB1J, Richard

John, N1TOX, gave a resume of the very successful year that was for WRRC

- o And prophesied a better one as we move into our 4<sup>th</sup> year as a club
- o Thanks to all who worked to make it possible
- Our goal of short meetings and varied programs at every gathering will continue
- Club stats on the membership
  - 49 total member (45 regular and 4 associates)
  - 1 Novice
  - 13 Tech and Tech +
  - 9 General
  - 5 Advanced
  - 16 Extras
  - 55% plus ARRL members
  - 20 RACES members
  - 9 CERT members
- o VE sessions and Ham classes for Tech, General and Extra
- Many club assets
  - HF and VHF/UHF station stored in a beautiful cabinet
  - Two antennas for loan or deployment
- o RACES activities and the importance of what we do and have done in the southland
  - 13 or our members participate regularly in scheduled drills
  - A strong showing by WRRC members, especially three presentations by John, N1TOX, and ably assisted by others in setting up antennas and gear.
- o The great repeater work by W2NH and KB1HCG, Mark and their assistants.
- o Our public service walk-a-thons
  - March of Dimes Girls on the Run Diabetes
- Certificates of appreciation from Rob Schell, KA1ZPI, at VEM were given to KB1HCG, Mark and KB1LQB, Chas
- o Secretary/Treasurer report. Darrel reported that the end of the year finds us in good shape:
  - Checking = \$1,221.69
  - Cash on hand = \$37.14
- o Mr. PR, Tim, KA1ZQX, was lauded for his great work, especially during June, when articles and pictures of our Field Day venture were in many newspapers.
- Thanks were given to KA1ZQX, Tim and N1JSG, Richard, without whom there would be no WRRC. They started this whole affair by doing a mailing to all Hams in Windham County in 2003.
- O After a call for nominations for President Jack, N1HOS, move for a unanimous vote to keep N1TOX, John, as President for 2007 Seconded and carried.
- Gordon, W2NH, moved that the remaining slate of officers be reinstated for another year Seconded and carried.

Mark your calendar (Also check our web site at www.westriverradio.net)

- Ongoing: WRRC 2 meter net on 147.015 (PL=100) every Thursday evening. The festivities commence at 19:30L
- **January ??**: Stay tuned here for further word on our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Welcome Home Tim" dine out.
- **January 9**: First meeting of 2007 starting at 7 PM in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital. Find out all about Vector Network Analyzers. No need to show if you know all about them.
- January 25: Board of Director's meeting at the Brattleboro House of Pizza by Staples in Brattleboro. This meeting begins at 11 AM.
- Any date GET RICH! Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2007 and get your membership in 2008 for ½ off the regular selling price. N1JSG, Richard, has already qualified for this discount.

We extend a warm welcome to the three new members who have joined the WRRC team for 2007:

- ♦ W1LTD, Bob Marcotte
- ♦ K1ETZ, Bjarne "BJ" Abildgaard
- Charles Underhill
- Kathleen Pierce

And we extend a warm "welcome back" to the many that renewed their membership today. We missed those who couldn't attend, but that doesn't leave you off the hook for coming back as a member in good standing with this outstanding Ham Radio Club. Just send your check for \$10 (\$5 more to enroll a family member) made out to WRRC to:

Darrel Daley POB 445 Putney, VT 05346

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:55L for the purpose of dining on an excellent array of victuals. Thank to all who donated some excellent provisions.

A hearty thanks, also, to N1REB, Jeanette, for organizing the food end of things. Rumor has it that she has hand picked a successor for 2007.

And that's how I heard it. Please advise me of any sins of commission or omission.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

#### **HELP MAKE US RICH**

As an ARRL affiliated club we can, with your cooperation, earn money for the WRRC.

If you are renewing your League membership we get a \$2 kickback.

If you join the League as a new member we get a \$15 kickback.

Here's how it done – Mail your renewal or new member check to me, **NOT** the ARRL. Make your check out to the WRRC, **NOT** the League.

I will deposit your check in our WRRC account and write a check to the League for \$2 or \$15 less than the full amount, depending on whether you are renewing a membership or coming in as a new member. This check, accompanied with the appropriate form to insure that your membership or renewal is properly credited, will be mailed onto the League by me.

I respectively urge you to take advantage of this procedure.

Thanks and 73,

Darrel - K1KU