

MINUTES
West River Radio Club
Board of Directors
3 January, 2004

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on January 3, 2004 at the China Buffet on Putney Road in Brattleboro, VT to discuss activities and plans for the club.

Present were:

President – KA1ZQX, Tim, Vice President – AA1T, Grant, and Secretary/Treasurer – K1KU, Darrel

AA1T, Grant, will rough out a meeting schedule for 2004. Grant also volunteered his unused 6 MB of HD space at SoverNet for a club web site.

We hope to have a year long calendar of meetings and events available soon. In the interim you can note the following dates:

- 1st Saturday in August. Townshend Hospital Days. We would like to make this a special event station. Ideas so far include –
 - Having a table to hand out literature on Ham Radio
 - Sending routine messages for those that stop by
 - Having HF/VHF stations set up for stateside/DX contacts to demonstrate Amateur Radio
- The last full weekend in June - Field Day
- Last Sunday in April – March of Dimes March
- 1st or 2nd week in October – Diabetes Walk
- April or May – Skywarn training

We also discussed having a weekly 2 meter net

All present seemed agreeable to having a half and half raffle at each meeting. Everyone throws a dollar in the pot and the winner gets half, the club the other half.

KA1ZQX, Tim, KA1CZO, Bob, and N1JSG, Richard, all paid out some of their own money for the initial mailing to all the Hams in Windham County. I, for one, would like to see these fellows reimbursed, either from the club coffers or via member donations. I'll have a coffee can set up for this purpose at the January 17 meeting.

Speaking of which, the same room we met in last time has been reserved by Tim, KA1ZQX, for January 17 at 10 AM. I will have membership forms available as I know that everyone there will want to join this exciting group. Yearly dues are \$10. Can we encourage you to also sign up a spouse, SO, kid or whatever for another \$5?

If you plan on using a check you'll just have to trust me and make it out to me personally. I've investigated 3 banking sources for our funds and Charter One comes out on top with a "Ready Cash" checking account - \$50 minimum deposit, no fees, no interest, but you have to buy the checks.

Also plan on a chow down somewhere after we meet. Tim has suggested the Dam Diner in Townshend as a suitable spot.

MINUTES
West River Radio Club
Board of Directors
7 February, 2004

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on February 7, 2004 at the China Buffet on Putney Road in Brattleboro, VT to discuss activities and plans for the club.

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Present were:

President – KA1ZQX, Tim, Vice President – AA1T, Grant, and Secretary/Treasurer – K1KU, Darrel.

Distinguished guests present were: KA1TWV, Elaine, N1HXC, Scotty, W2NH, Gordon, N2JFS, Hans and his YL, Diane (?).

During dining an informal discussion took place on various matters concerning the club, namely –

- Establishing a repeater on Stratton Mountain.
- A schedule of events for 2004 ably put together by AA1T, Grant. (see attached as well as the web page.)
Speaking of which, you won't want to miss Grant's presentation on antennas and feed lines at our regular meeting this coming Tuesday, February 10. We meet at 7 PM in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital.
- The ideas submitted re meeting times. The vast majority responding prefer a Tuesday evening meeting with an occasional Saturday meeting thrown in to accommodate those who cannot come out on Tuesdays.
- Set up and operation for our special event station during Townshend's Hospital Days. This takes place on the first Saturday in August. (Could someone advise me as to the proper name of this event.)
 - Where to set up – rigs, table, and antennas
 - Antennas and rigs needed
 - Message handling
 - QSLing

The following was not discussed today but is passed on for informational purposes.

- N2JFS, Hans, became our "unlucky" 13th member when he joined today. Three more dues payments/applications are "in the mail."
- If you haven't joined yet I will have application forms at Tuesday's meeting. If you can't make that one I'm attaching a PDF application file and you can mail that with a check for your dues to:
Darrel Daley
POB 445
Putney, VT 05346
- Our new bank account contains \$85. This will pass the \$100 mark when the new dues are deposited.
- We also hope to vote on approving our by-laws on Tuesday.

And that's the way I heard it. If there are any corrections, additions, deletions please advise.

Respectfully submitted,
Darrel – K1KU
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

I'll also have copies of the proposed by-laws available. These can be taken home to look over and suggest changes if you think they are needed. We hope to have a vote on their acceptance at the February meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

MINUTES
West River Radio Club
Board of Directors
28-February, 2004

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on February 28, 2004 at the China Buffet on Putney Road in Brattleboro, VT to discuss activities and plans for the club.

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Present were:

President – KA1ZQX, Tim, Vice President – AA1T, Grant, and Secretary/Treasurer – K1KU, Darrel.

Distinguished guests present were: Bob, KA1CZO, and John, N1TOX.

The roster was perused and potential members to “work on” were discussed.

Meeting times have been reserved by Tim for the rest of the year.

- March 9 – K1KU, Darrel will speak on QSLs and QSLing.
- April 13 – AA1T, Grant will discourse on circuit modeling.
- May 11 – Skywarn session
- June 8 – Hash out our plans for FD (June 26-27)
- July 13 – ARES presentation
- August 10 – How to build a radio with a computer.
- September 4 – A visit by Paul, AA1SU, Vermont’s Section Manager
- October 12 –
- November 9 – Learn all about home brewing (No, not beer!!)
- December 14 – Holiday get together

In the works

An October visit with our Ham Radio friends in Bennington at a SOVARC meeting.

Car pool and visit the League in Newington, CT for a tour

During lunch John, N1TOX, our webmaster, showed us some of the ins and outs of web page building on his Think Pad with wireless connectivity. If you haven’t checked out this great site as of late go in and take a look at the newly hung sap buckets. <http://www.westriverradio.net>

Mark Field Day (June 26-27) and Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day (August 7) on your calendar. Surveys will be sent out in the future so that we can determine who is interested in participating in either or both of these events.

The gang of five adjourned at 12:30 PM.

And that’s the way I heard it.

Please advise as to any error or omissions.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU

Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

MINUTES
West River Radio Club
Board of Directors
20 March, 2004

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRRC) met on March 03, 2004 at the House of Pizza on by Staples in Brattleboro, VT to discuss activities and plans for the club. This location seemed to be more copasthetic for our needs – easier seating, low prices, not as crowded and courteous help.

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This meeting was re-scheduled at the last minute as our leader discovered that he will have to attend drill on the next two weekends.

Present were: President – KA1ZQX, Tim, Vice President – AA1T, Grant, and Secretary/Treasurer – K1KU, Darrel.

Distinguished guest present was: W2NH, Gordon.

Future program ideas were discussed

- A Bring & Brag night
- W2NH, Gordon, for a talk on repeaters: history of, how they work, etc.
- N1TOX. John, for a talk on PCs: tips, tricks, building web sites, etc.

Please forward any ideas for programs to Grant, AA1T. He can be reached at cgwarner@sover.net

Gordon discussed the ongoing efforts at setting up a repeater for the club and his discussions with Mitch, W1SJ.

As SOVARC's Skywarn session was cancelled they will be invited to attend our session in May. Tim, KA1ZQX, desires someone to take on the task of making up posters announcing this event for placement around Windham County.

K1KU, Darrel was asked to mail out the Field Day surveys once more, this time also in text format. No responses were received from the prior mailing. Said survey is attached as a Word document and in PDF form. It can also found below in text format.

Speaking of which, I will also send these minutes along in text format as well as in PDF format.

The gang of four adjourned at 12:30 PM, or something like that. I forgot to look at my watch.

And that's the way I heard it.

Please advise as to any error or omissions.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRRC

MINUTES
West River Radio Club
Board of Directors
24 April, 2004

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on April 24, 2004 at the House of Pizza by Staples in Brattleboro, VT to discuss activities and plans for the club.

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Present were: President – KA1ZQX, Tim, Vice President – AA1T, Grant, and Secretary/Treasurer – K1KU, Darrel. Distinguished guests were: N1TOX, John, N1JSG, Richard, W2NH, Gordon, and W1ZS, Burt.

Gordon discussed his ongoing efforts at setting up a repeater for the club and the progress he has made with Mitch, W1SJ on this matter.

KA1ZQX, Tim, reminded all present that our next meeting on May 11 will primarily involve a Skywarn session put on by the NWS folks from Albany. This 2 hour session will go from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Non hams are welcome to attend also.

K1KU, Darrel was asked to mail out the Field Day surveys once more, See attachment. No responses have been received thus far. This document can also be found on our web site. We need to have a response from you by our next meeting date, May 11.

Problems with getting out publicity via the local print media were discussed, primarily by AA1T, Grant, and KA1ZQX, Tim.

The gang of seven adjourned at 12:25 PM, or something like that. I forgot to look at my watch.

And that's the way I heard it.

Please advise as to any errors or omissions.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

MINUTES
West River Radio Club
Board of Directors
29 May, 2004

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on May 29, 2004 at 11:30 AM at the House of Pizza by Staples in Brattleboro, VT to discuss activities and plans for the club.

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Present were: Vice President – AA1T, Grant, and Secretary/Treasurer – K1KU, Darrel. Distinguished guests were: W2NH, Gordon, and KB1J, Richard.

Gordon discussed his ongoing efforts at setting up a repeater for the club. We have a frequency, with reservations. There is also an appointment set up with the coordinator. Gordon is hopeful that KA1ZQX, Tim, can accompany Gordon to this meeting.

There was informal discussion on setting up a table for Grace Cottage Hospital day on August 7. Note: your faithful secretary has submitted special event announcements to WorldRadio and QST for publishing in the August issue of each.

A surprise visit was paid by KB1HCG, Mark, who had three boxes of miscellaneous toys to donate to the club. Thanks, Mark. These goodies were left with Gordon, W2NH to sort through to see if anything might be usable at a repeater site. Gordon will save remaining items for sale sometime at a WRRC table at Hosstraders.

A couple of suggestions were made for possible program events in 2005

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And that's the way I heard it.

Please advise as to any errors or omissions.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

MINUTES
Board of Directors
June 26, 2004

Present at the meeting (House of Pizza, in Brattleboro, VT) were President, KA1ZQX, Vice President, AA1T, EC, John N1TOX and Richard, N1JSG.

Special event for Townshend's Hospital Days was gone over again and Grant showed us the sign he has designed and built. Just some finishing touches and it's ready for the big day.

Discussion on getting our own net started. Need a volunteer to organize and or be in charge of getting it going. We would like to get it going by the end of the summer.

John, N1TOX showed us the fliers he has designed and made ready for any event the club is sponsoring.

Club call sign W1RRC in the FCC data base is available to have to us so the club is pursuing applying for this call.

Election of officers was slated for the December meeting/party.

Boxboro is August 14-15th. Car pooling is suggested, any takers?

Grant has asked us for help on an antenna project at his QTH, if you can give him some help, let him know at the next club meeting.

That's the way I heard it, if there are any omissions or error's, please let me know, and thanks for the support!

Tim Bell
President, WRRRC

MINUTES
West River Radio Club
Board of Directors
31 July, 2004

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on July 31, 2004 at 11:00 AM at the House of Pizza by Staples in Brattleboro, VT to discuss activities and plans for the club.

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Present were: KA1ZQX, Tim/President; AA1T, Grant/Vice President; K1KU, Darrel/Secretary-Treasurer; N1TOX, John; W2NH, Gordon; N1JSG, Richard.

The majority of our time was spent in planning for the Townshend Hospital Fair Day on August 7. – Who will be there, who's bringing what, times to gather, etc. Even if you have not notified an officer of your intention to help out you are more than welcome to stop by and say Hi or lend a hand in greeting visitors.

The following members are currently on my list as active participants:

KA1ZQX, Tim	AA1T, Grant	K1KU, Darrel	KA1TWV, Elaine
N1TOX, John	Charles Baker	N1JSG, Richard	W2NH, Gordon

Some of us will meet at the Townshend Commons at 6 PM on Friday, August 6 to put up our booth and antenna. The rest will show up on 7:30 AM on Saturday, the 7th to get things in order. If you'd like to join the setup crew on Friday give a call or email Tim, Grant, or myself the same day to confirm things

Everyone is reminded that the New England Division convention will be held on Saturday, August 14 at Boxboro, MA. Anyone interested in attending should contact any club officer for car-pooling arrangements. Having attended several times I can honestly say that this is a good convention – lots of “big name” vendors will be there, good seminars and a fairly large outdoor flea market.

Program change. As your humble Secretary/Treasurer will be in Kallyfornia (That's how Arnold says it) the week of our September meeting the demonstration/talk on digital modes of communication to have been given by AA1T and K1KU is being moved to the October meeting to be held on Tuesday the 12th. On Tuesday, September 14 W2NH, Gordon, will give a talk and AV presentation on repeaters. Unless you know more about repeaters than Gordon, and I seriously doubt it, this is a meeting that you won't want to miss.

The membership is also asked to think ahead to the fall Hosstraders flea market. The dates this year will be Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2 at the Hopkinton (NH) fair grounds. Some of us have personal items to sell and there are a few donated club items. Be thinking ahead and scouring the junque box for stuff you'll never use no matter how long you live. This would be a great way to publicize our new club.

Tentative date for the next BOD meeting is either August 28 or September 4, 2004

And that's the way I heard it.

Please advise as to any errors or omissions.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

MINUTES
West River Radio Club
Board of Directors
28 August, 2004

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on August 28, 2004 at 11:30 AM at the House of Pizza by Staples in Brattleboro, VT to discuss activities and plans for the club.

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Present were: KA1ZQX, Tim/President; AA1T, Grant/Vice President; K1KU, Darrel/Secretary-Treasurer; W2NH, Gordon; N1JSG, Richard, and W1ZS, Burt.

Please note a program change. On Tuesday, October 12 David Cain, W1DEC, will discuss and explain the RACES program in the state of VT. David is the VEM-RACES Program Coordinator for the State of VT.

The Treasurer handed out financial reports. Between petty cash and the checking account we now have \$238.63 in the treasury. This includes \$15 graciously presented to the club by Grant. This was "gas" money given him by those he took to Boxboro.

The often-put off/delayed presentation on digital modes by AA1T and K1KU will not take place until February 28 of 2005. Please try to contain your sorrow.

Darrel, K1KU, passed around kite plans. Due to Ed, KB1KSR's kind donation of some Tyvek he will attempt construction of the critter. It will allow us the use of a full wave 80 meter vertical dipole.

W2NH, Gordon, provided yet more information on his continuing struggle with Mitch Stern, W1SJ, repeater coordinator for VT to get us a site/frequency somewhere/somewhere. He also discussed the feasibility of linking several machines.

There was a short discussion of our association with the LEPC.

A letter of thanks from Stan Holt, Chairman of the Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Days, was presented to and read by your Secretary. It will be filed in our scrapbook. We have been invited back for the 2005 anniversary celebration.

The date for the next BOD meeting is Tuesday, September 25 at the same location.

And that's the way I heard it. Please advise as to any errors or omissions.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

MINUTES
West River Radio Club
Board of Directors
25 September, 2004

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on September 25, 2004 at 11:30 AM at the Brattleboro House of Pizza by Staples in Brattleboro, VT to discuss activities and plans for the club.

Board meetings will always be held prior to regular scheduled meetings so that our regular meeting time can be devoted to programs and fun stuff. All members are welcome to attend any board meeting and weigh in with their thoughts on matters concerning the WRRC.

Present were: AA1T, Grant/Vice President; K1KU, Darrel/Secretary-Treasurer; W2NH, Gordon; N1JSG, Richard, and N1TOX, John, EC/Guilford.

John, N1TOX, reviewed the many activities we have for October.

- ❑ RACES presentation at our regular meeting on the 12th
- ❑ Advanced Skywarn session on the 18th, 6 – 8 PM
- ❑ Visit the SOVARC club in Bennington on the 27th
- ❑ BOD meeting on the 30th

It was noted that Hosstraders will be held on October 1-2 in Henniker, NH

N1JSG, Richard, noted that Chuck, K1EGL is interested in the club. He has been sent an invitation to attend our next meeting.

John, N1TOX, has invited any and all members of the LEPC to attend the presentation on RACES.

Darrel, K1KU, will email Gail Iannone at the League re our affiliation. We should be getting the official paper work very shortly.

The date for the next BOD meeting is Saturday, October 30 at the same location.

And that's the way I heard it. Please advise as to any errors or omissions.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC



Dear Fellow Ham,

October 29, 2004

We are inviting all Amateur Radio Operators in Windham Co., Vermont to the 1st annual meeting/pot luck lunch of the WRRC (West River Radio Club) on 11 December 2004 at 11 AM.

At this time last year we were exploring the idea of having an Amateur Radio Club. Who knew that one year later we would not only have a club, but that we would have accomplished more than most clubs do in 5 years! See over for listing.

No matter what your interest in Amateur Radio we invite you to be a part of our club.

- Emergency communications
- Weather spotting
- Antenna building
- Contesting or DX
- Digital communications
- Any other aspects of the hobby

Please come. Let us all get together and have some fun! If you'd rather not join know that this club is open to all who want to participate in this great hobby. We plan to also have a tailgate party. Stay tuned to our web site!

We will be meeting at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, Vermont. Grace Cottage Hospital has been our sponsor and provided us with meeting room and has been helping us with space when needed in an emergency. We will be gathering at 11 AM and eating at 12 noon. The annual meeting will start around 1pm. (So that we know how many to plan for please RSVP to K1KU, Darrel. See info below) The agenda will include the election of officers as well as other items that might come before the board.

Your attendance at this meeting would be beneficial to us, and to you. It will be great to see many of you for the first time. Your ideas, suggestions, and comments are to be heard and appreciated. Please make this meeting your priority. Have a list of ideas, suggestions, or comments ready when you arrive.

If you have any questions, please contact K1KU, Darrel, at 802-387-5822 or k17dn@sover.net or wrrcnet@sover.net. E-mail is the preferred means of communications if you can.

Thank you for your time and efforts. We hope to see you at our annual meeting. If you have any questions please contact one of us or visit our web site at: <http://www.westriverradio.net/>

Yours through Amateur Radio,

Timothy Bell, KA1ZQX
President: WRRC

WRRC ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 2004

VE session
An instructive program/activity at each meeting
 Visited by VT's SM/SEC
 Visited by VT RACES representative
 Antenna design
 Repeater theory and application
 QSLing
 Skywarn, beginning and advanced sessions
 Web design
 Digital communications
 Home brewing
Public service – March of Dimes walk
ARRL affiliation
Vanity club call – W1RRC

Working on a club repeater
World-class web site
Special event station – Grace Cottage
Hospital Fair Days (We've been invited back for 2005)
Group trip to Boxboro
Visit to SOVARC in Bennington
Active in Region #6 LEPC

Future plans: (as well as the continuation of many of the activities above.)
Field Day in 2005
League trip – tour HQ and operate W1AW
Club table at Hosstraders in the spring of 2005
Weekly 2 meter net
ARES training

There was no Board of Directors Meeting in November and December as they were combined with the regular meeting on December 11, 2004. The meeting in December was out 1st Annual Pot Luck Luncheon and Election of Officers. To see the December minutes, go to the Meeting Minutes 2004 section on the Meeting Minutes and Club Forms page.