MINUTES West River Radio Club Board of Directors 7 January, 2005

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Present were: N1TOX, John/President KD6MPY, Sean/Vice President K1KU, Darrel/Secretary/Treasurer N1JSG, Richard KB1HCG, Mark

KA1CYZ, Jenifer W1ZS, Burt W2NH, Gordon Katherine

New RACES forms were distributed to RACES members present. A short discussion on the upcoming drill ensued.

Because of the gracious loan by Allan, N1HWI of his repeater the club will shortly begin holding a weekly 2 meter net on 147.015 with a PL of 100 Hz. The net will either be held on Tuesday or Sunday evening at 7 or 8 PM. Please advise me of your preference (kl7dn@sover.net) for day and time.

N1JSG, Richard, has expressed interest in having an HF net. Please also advise me if you are interested in such a venture, along with possible frequencies, days and times. If enough interest is shown we'll follow through.

Mark, KB1HCG, was unanimously elected to set up a phone tree for the club.

The Board has decided to run a \$30 ad in the Vermont Amateur Radio Directory. John, N1TOX, did a fine job of designing the layout. The club will purchase 10 - 15 copies. 5-6 copies were already spoken for at the meeting. If you're interested in purchasing one get in touch with N1TOX, John, at <u>n1tox@adelphia.net</u>.

N1TOX, John, will set up Skywarn sessions for the spring and fall of 2005.

Questions arose as to the status of our station set up at Grace Cottage Hospital.

Darrel, K1KU, will take care of updating status on the League web site.

The items to be purchased with the \$1000 grant from the Town of Townshend were discussed. The things to be bought were divvied up amongst those present. Receipts and packing notices will be presented to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

A discussion took place on the possibility of attending the Milton hamfest on February 26. Sean and I will probably drive up and set up a table. If anyone else is interested in taking part in this high adventure please contact Sean, KD6MPY, at kd6mpy@arrl.net.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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KB1HCG, Mark W2NH, Gordon KB1KSB, Ed

Sean, KD6MPY, stood in for N1TOX, John, who had to miss the meeting due to a bad cold. Get better soon, John.

Questions arose as to the status of our station at Grace Cottage Hospital. Darrel, K1KU, will email KA1TWV, Elaine, asking her to make some discrete inquiries.

Field Day 2005 is a definite GO. Ed, KB1KSR, has generously granted us the use of his property for the event. As a reminder, the program for the February 8 meeting will be on Field Day. There will be a short video and talk given by K1KU, Darrel. Now is the time to set aside the last full weekend in June for a time for playing radio.

The URL for our web site is now <u>www.w1rrc</u>. The old URL of <u>www.westriverradio.net</u> is still good, too, at least for awhile. Thanks to Gordon, W2NH, for procuring this arrangement.

The question about a Care package for Tim, KA1ZQX was brought up. Tim is now stationed with his National Guard unit in the mid-east somewhere. Darrel, K1KU, will bring a list of acceptable items to the February 8 meeting and we can all pick a small item to contribute to the package. If you want to think ahead I'm also attaching that list along with these minutes.

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

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Darrel – K1KU Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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Care Package Suggestions and Ideas

Foods:

Energy foods, breakfast and granola bars, beef summer sausage Crackers Non-melting candy, gum, cookies (do not send candy such as chocolate that will melt in the heat) Beef jerky Tuna in pouches or pop top cans Pop top cans of fruit Pretzels, canned chips, raisins, trail mix, nuts, dried fruit Hot sauce in plastic containers Pre-packaged snack food Bean and cheese dips, powdered Sugared drink mixes are especially needed (Gatorade, Kool-Aid, etc.)

Toiletries:

Waterless soap, antibacterial hand soap Deodorant, boot powder, baby wipes Toothpaste & toothbrush Disposable razors, shaving cream, hand/body lotion (unscented) Lip balm, sunscreen No-water Excedrin Soft toilet paper Moisturizing/cleaning eye drops Saline nasal sprav Cotton swabs Eve glass wipes Dental floss, throat drops Vaseline, aloe vera burn gel Flexible cloth bandages Blister care Oral pain reliever Ingrown toenail reliever

Free Time Materials:

Magazines (wrestling, boxing, fitness magazines, sports magazines, comic books, Mad) Books, paper, pens (black ink only), pencils Word puzzle books, joke books, puzzles, board games (chess, checkers, Monopoly, etc.) Decks of cards Newly released movies Movies you tape from cable or TV programs (VHS or DVD). Used DVD's are fine. Send the Sunday comics or use it as packing material!

Miscellaneous:

Underwear Bandannas Swimmers' goggles Strong flashlight with batteries 12-hour orange glow sticks Surgical masks Sunglasses Shoe insoles Water bottles with straps Socks Bug repellent Flea collars Zip-seal baggies **Batteries** Air fresheners Pocket Kleenex Blank postcards.

What are some restrictions? The following items are restricted from inclusion in care packages: Pressurized items like shaving cream, Sexually suggestive material, Liquor, Religious objects, Pork products & Chocolate/candy that melts easily.

MINUTES West River Radio Club Board of Directors 26 February, 2005

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Present were: N1TOX, John, President KD6MPY, Sean/Vice President K1KU, Darrel/Secretary/Treasurer AA1T, Grant AA1SQ, John (Guest of KD6MPY)

KA1TWV, Elaine KB1HCG, Mark W2NH, Gordon Greg (Guest of KD6MPY)

The next RACES drill on Wednesday, March 9 was discussed. If more detailed instructions are not received from VT VEM by early March K1KU, Darrel will request directions.

John, N1TOX, passed out the Vermont Amateur Radio Directories to those present who had ordered them. He will have copies at the March 8 general meeting for those who did not receive a copy today. There are also extra copies for those who didn't order one. Contact John at <u>n1tox@adelphia.net</u>

Sean, KD6MPY, reported that the Grace Cottage Hospital antenna installation has been approved by all the necessary parties.

The following have been assigned net control duties for our Sunday evening nets. (7 PM on 147.015 + 600Hz with a PL of 100 Hz):

- o Feb 27 KA1TWV, Elaine
- o Mar 6 K1KU, Darrel
- o Mar 13 N1TOX, John
- o Mar 20 KB1LQB, Chas
- o Mar 27 KD6MPY, Sean (Backup is KA1TWV if Sean is out saving lives.)

The club will start a class for prospective General class operators on April 5, 2005 - Time and location to be announced. Sean, KD6MPY, is heading up this project. If you're interested in upgrading contact Sean at kd6mpy@arrl.net

A basic Skywarn training class will be offered on May 10, 2005 at Rescue, Inc. in Brattleboro. The class starts at 6:30 PM. N1TOX, John will email instruction for registering for the session.

An email from Tim, KA1ZQX was passed around. He received our care package and thanked us all. Portions are pasted below.

Hope all are doing okay. I am doing pretty good here. Still working a lot of hours. The last couple of days we spent on a couple of ranges training. Did a lot of live fire close quarters shooting from vehicles. We did okay and it rained a little during the day. Got a good picture of a rain bow when we got back. It was a nice way to end the day. We don't get that kind of weather very often. The desert is flat, dry, and there is nothing out there that is not man made When you do see something there is sheep, goats, camels, maybe a hut and a water tank and an expensive car. Other than that, it's pretty barren. Well, I had better close and get off the computer. Have a great day all, and look forward to hearing from you all. SFC Bell, Tim

March BOD Minutes

Our next general meeting will be held on March 8, 2005 in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital. The program will consist of talk and questions on computer security given by KB1LQB, Charles. Anyone wishing to may also bring in an example of a home brew antenna they've constructed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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| Present were: | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| N1TOX, John, President | KA1CYZ, Jenifer |
| KD6MPY, Sean/Vice President | KA1TWV, Elaine |
| K1KU, Darrel/Secretary/Treasurer | KB1HCG, Mark |

The following NCS assignments have been made for April. (7 PM on 147.015 +600Hz with a PL of 100 Hz):

- o April 3 KA1TWV, Elaine
- o April 10 K1KU, Darrel
- o April 17 N1TOX, John
- o April 24 KB1LQB, Chas
- May 1 KD6MPY, Sean (Backup is KA1TWV if Sean is out saving lives.)

There was a short discussion as to whether Sunday is the best evening for the net. If anyone would prefer holding the net on Thursday evenings instead contact N1TOX, John, at <u>n1tox@adelphia.net</u>

The club will start a class for prospective General class operators on April 5, 2005. The class will meet in our regular meeting room on each Tuesday of April and May when there is not a club meeting. Sean, KD6MPY, is heading up this project. If you're interested in movin' on up contact Sean at <u>kd6mpy@arrl.net</u> Signed up so far are:

- o KB1HCG, Mark
- o N1TOX, John
- o KB1LQB, Chas
- o KB1KSR, Ed

A basic Skywarn training class will be offered on May 10, 2005 at Rescue, Inc. in Brattleboro. The class starts at 6:30 PM. If interested in attending contact John, N1TOX.

WRRC will once again provide communications for the March of Dimes walk on May 1. We will provide communications for the walk in Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Springfield. Some more bodies are needed. If you'd like to feel good by providing some public service on that morning get in touch with John, N1TOX, at <u>n1tox@adelphia.net</u>

Sean, KD6MPY, provided an update on our station status at Grace Cottage Hospital. The how, why, and what of hanging a dipole has been approved and the wire should be up in the very near future.

Darrel, K1KU, will look into the how and wherefore of establishing a sister club relationship with another Ham club.

Our next general meeting will be held on April 12, 2005 in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital. The program will consist of a demonstration of logging and contesting software by W1ZS, Burt, and Darrel, K1KU.

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Present were: N1TOX, John, President K1KU, Darrel/Secretary/Treasurer AA1T, Grant W1ZS, Burt W1NH, Gordon

N1HOS, Jack KB1KSR, Ed KB1HCG, Mark

A basic Skywarn training class will be offered on May 10, 2005 at Rescue, Inc. in Brattleboro. The class starts at 6:30 PM. If you have not done so yet and are interested in attending contact John, N1TOX at nltox@adelphia.net This session is in lieu of our regular scheduled meeting.

There was discussion of the April 27 RACES drill and the big upcoming one on May 24

WRRC will once again provide communications for the March of Dimes walk on May 1. We will provide communications for the walk in Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Springfield. Discussion ensued on organizational matters for the walk.

Darrel, K1KU, will investigate how much ARRL vests would cost the club. These would be used at public service events.

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 21 May 2005

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Present were: N1TOX, John, President K1KU, Darrel/Secretary/Treasurer N1JSG, Richard

KB1KSR, Ed KB1HCG, Mark

There was long discussion of logistics for the May 24 RACES drill. Reviewed who was committed to come and how best to deploy them. John, N1TOX, has questions for VEM to answer via email.

We also talked about VY's donation of vest to the club. Safety Green in color. We should have them soon.

We chatted about Field Day and getting some equipment ready for the event.

If memory serves, the rest of the time was spent in frivolous conversation. Oh well, we'll get hopping once this big drill is done with.

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MINUTES West River Radio Club Board of Directors 30 July, 2005

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Present were: N1TOX, John, President K1KU, Darrel/Secretary/Treasurer KB1KSR, Ed W2NH, Gordon

KD6MPY, Sean, VP John, Sean's friend and MVO from Rescue AA1T, Grant

A discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- o October, 2005 Technician class.
- o Chatted about the wiring paths for our radio cabinet being built by John, N1TOX
- GCH Fair Day on August 6 (that's next Saturday). If you're ready, willing, and able to assist with the set up chores we'll look forward to seeing you between 7:30 and 8 AM.
- Program ideas for 2006: Possibilities include Echo Link, digital modes, and a kit building project. Is there a topic or aspect of Ham Radio that you'd like to learn about? Give one of your officers a shout and we'll find one of the many talented people in our club to do something about it.
- Having an autopatch on our soon to be repeater. Gordon feels that a LITZ (Long Interval Touch-tone Zero) signal chip to decode touch tones would do the job as well and be a lot cheaper.

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- August 6 Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day on the common in Townshend, VT. The WRRC will be there with our booth and brochures on our great hobby. The state emergency communications vehicle, ROVER, will be there and we'll do some operating for sure. See the special event section of your August QST.
- August 9 WRRC regular scheduled club meeting. 7 PM in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital.
- October 7 and 8 Hosstraders. Your humble Secretary will have a table set up at the W1AAT Winnebago Motel. Come by for a visit and the privilege of purchasing a few of my priceless treasures.
- November 5 (that's a 99% certainty). RACES statewide one day convention somewhere in the Killington area.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 PM

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MINUTES West River Radio Club Board of Directors 27 August, 2005

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Present were: N1TOX, John, President KB1KSR, Ed W2NH, Gordon KD6MPY, Sean, VP

AA1T, Grant KB1HCG, Mark N1JSG, Richard

A discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- o October, 2005 Technician class. Starting September 28th. Let's get some folks interested!!
- The 147.090 repeater is "sort of" working. Still has some gremlins living inside. This unit is slated for replacement and the antenna needs to be replaced. Give it a try.
- Walt, W1ZPB will be our guest speaker at our regular meeting in September.

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- October 7 and 8 Hosstraders. Your humble Secretary will have a table set up at the W1AAT Winnebago Motel. Come by for a visit and the privilege of purchasing a few of my priceless treasures.
- November 5 (that's a 99% certainty). RACES statewide one day convention somewhere in the Killington area.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 PM

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Respectfully submitted,

John, N1TOX President, WRRC

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MINUTES West River Radio Club Board of Directors 29 October, 2005

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Present were: N1TOX, John, President K1KU, Darrel, Secretary/Treasurer KD6MPY, Sean

KB1KSR, Ed N1HOS, Jack WB7SEK, Roger

A warm welcome to Roger Brown, WB7SEK, who joined us for discussion and lunch.

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- Ride arrangements for the November 5 meeting in Pittsford, VT. Details will follow this next week to all RACES members.
- ARES Vermont has a new SEC, W4YFJ, Bob Brown of Essex Junction. John, N1TOX, has been in touch with him getting our local people into the data base.

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- November 5 RACES statewide one day convention in the Pittsford, VT at the Police Academy.
- November 8 General meeting at GCH. This will be our fold, stuff, stamp, and lick session as we
 prepare our annual mailing to all Hams in Windham County. The more that come, the faster the job will
 get done.
- o 1st annual Fox Hunt. November 27 at 09:00L
- December $3 2^{nd}$ annual meeting at GCH. This will be a potluck meeting, mini hamfest and election of officers for 2006. Plan on being there and even bringing some new blood with you. Details will follow as the time approaches.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

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For our November and December Board of Directors meeting notes, please refer to our Club Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2005