

**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**Board of Directors**  
**28 January, 2006**

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The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on January 28, 2006 at 11:30 AM at the Panasia Restaurant in Brattleboro to discuss 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:

N1TOX, John, President

K1KU, Darrel, Secretary/Treasurer

KD6MPY, Sean (present until heeding the call of duty)

KB1KSR, Ed

AA1T, Grant

W2NH, Gordon

KA1ZQX, Tim

KB1HCG, Mark w/2 harmonics

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- Non renewing members. A final email appeal will go out to them. If there is no response they will be removed from the roster on January 31, 2006
- Gordon, W2NH, has corresponded with Vermont's SM, Paul Gayette, AA1SU, with respect to the fact that VT's annual convention is always held at a very "non central" location, namely, the Milton Hamfest. It was suggested that another convention could be held in the southern part of the state. Takers??
- KA1ZQX, Tim Bell, has graciously consented (is your arm sore, Tim?) to act as the club's PR man. Thanks, Tim.
- Educational CD: John, N1TOX, has volunteered to create a master CD containing all the PowerPoint presentations we have used for Tech, General, and Extra classes. This will be left in the station cabinet at GCH for borrowing by club members.
- Club net: A problem presents itself in that the current Extra Class takes place on our net night, Thursday. As many instructors and students are involved in the class net attendance is suffering. It was decided not to change net times or dates. As a reminder – ANY member may start up and run the net. The class ends on March 16 and some degree of normalcy should return after that.

HF = 3.985 MHz at 19:00 Local

VHF = 147.015, up 600 and 100 Hz PL at 19:30 Local

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- February 7, 2006: Because Valentine's Day falls on our regularly scheduled time, this is our *irregularly* scheduled February meeting date. John, N1TOX, will give a presentation on Go Kits and message handling.
- March ??: RACES drill. Stay tuned for further information.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.

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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Thanks and 73,

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**25 February, 2006**

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Present were:

N1TOX, John, President

W2NH, Gordon

K1KU, Darrel, Secretary/Treasurer

KB1HCG, Mark w/1 harmonic

KB1KSR, Ed

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes are pending in the area. Check recent mailings from RACES for time/dates. You can enroll through N1TOX, John at [n1tox@adelphia.net](mailto:n1tox@adelphia.net). John will be sending more info soon.
- The VY March drill was postponed. Stay tuned for information as it becomes available.
- John, N1TOX, brought us up to date on the status of stations being placed at BMH, The Retreat, and Springfield.
- A “Supported Events” page has been added to our web site. Check it out to learn about where and when New England Hams are helping out with public service events. Contacts are listed in case you’d like to lend a hand.
- An attempt will be made to get some youngsters involved in Field Day this year. Ideas and/or suggestions are welcome. Are you listening, Peter??
- A Skywarn session is planned for April 19 or 26. Stay tuned for a firm date and location. It will be in Brattleboro. John, N1TOX, will target EmComm people and the LEPC for this session
- Mark reported that the WRRC Net’s are happening on 2 Meter at 7:30 (L). We hope more join in.

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- March 14 – Regularly scheduled club meeting; 7 PM at Grace Cottage Hospital. There will be a presentation on dealing with interference. Come out and learn the old RF Gain trick.
- March 16 – VE session at Rescue, Inc. This is the final meeting of the Extra class. If you weren’t in the class, but would like to take a test notify Sean, KD6MPY – [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net)
- May 13 – Plan ahead to assist with the annual March of Dimes march in Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, or Springfield.

As always, members of the Board of Directors are continually looking for ideas for club activities and program suggestions. BOD members can be contacted at:

John - [n1tox@adelphia.net](mailto:n1tox@adelphia.net)

Sean – [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net)

Darrel – [k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50:05 PM.

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**25 March, 2006**

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Present were:

KD6MPY, Sean – Vice President  
K1KU, Darrel - Secretary/Treasurer  
KB1KSR, Ed  
W2NH, Gordon  
KB1HCG, Mark

N1JSG, Richard  
KA1ZQX, Tim  
Lester – Guest of KD6MPY  
Patty – Guest of KD6MPY

Absent with permission was our esteemed President, N1TOX, John Borichevsky, who has been in Salt Lake City at an educational workshop (or so he says.)

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- o The possibility of holding a CW class. There is also the option of having doing CW training on our 2 meter repeater. If you are interested in either/both of these possibilities contact Sean, KD6MPY at [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net)
- o Summer Tech class. Questions were raised about the feasibility of holding this class in the summer, what with people going on vacations, busy with outdoor activities, etc.
- o VY drills. We are currently awaiting word on which upcoming drills will require the service of RACES personnel
- o Survey – Every copy of the minutes sent out carries a request for input from the membership on ideas for club activities or programs. One can only assume that everyone is content as no responses have been received by any board members. Attached is a questionnaire for your viewing. Any responses would be appreciated. Feel free to add and answer your own question(s). Forward any responses to any or all of the following: John - [n1tox@adelphia.net](mailto:n1tox@adelphia.net) Sean – [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net) Darrel – [k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net)

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- o April 11 – Regularly scheduled club meeting; 7 PM at Grace Cottage Hospital.
- o April – CERT. 20 hour Community Emergency Response Team training sessions will be held at various locations this month. If interested go to <http://www.dps.state.vt.us/vem/cert/> for details. You can reserve a place in class by calling Keith Clark at 802-463-1234
- o May 2 - NWS Skywarn training in the community room of Brattleboro Savings and Loan on Main Street in Brattleboro. The session will run from 6:30 to 9 PM. You can register online at ??
- o May 5-6 – Hosstraders flea market in Henniker, NH at the fair grounds. Check it out at <http://www.hosstraders.com/>
- o May 13 – Plan ahead to assist with the annual March of Dimes march in Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, or Springfield.

Food for thought? Two members have recently joined the ARRL through the club. This is of a great financial benefit to us as we get \$15 for any new League memberships. Thanks for all who are making us rich, either through your ARRL membership renewals or new memberships. See the box at the end of this document.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15:05 PM.

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April Board of Directors Notice:

The Board of Directors Meeting for April was combined with the regular meeting on April 11, 2006. This was because of a scheduling conflict with CERT Training which most of the members took part in.

**MINUTES**  
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**Board of Directors**  
**20 May, 2006**

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The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on May 20, 2006 at 12:00 PM at the Panasian Restaurant in Brattleboro to discuss plans for the club.

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Present were:

N1TOX, John-President  
W2NH, Gordon

KD6MPY, Sean-VP  
KA1ZQX, Tim

KB1HCG, Mark  
N1HOS, Jack

KB1KSR, Ed  
N1ESK, David

Honored Guests: Emily and Patty

Thanks to all who attended.

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- Review of Field Day preparations plans at Ed's QTH at 6:30 PM June 13, 2006. This will be prior to the regular WRRC meeting at GCH.
- Reminder of the CERT Program meeting on Thursday May 25, 2006 at 7:00 PM in Putney at the Fire House. We will force a break during the meeting for the ARES Net.
- Thanks was given to all the members who helped out the Girls on the Run event, especially David, N1ESK who got us involved and lead the group. There was some conversation of improvements and changes for next year's event. There were over 1,000 people who took part in this event. More help will be needed for next year.
- Sean discussed the upcoming Technician Class and its target audience.

As the League is finally releasing materials we need to plan for our next Technician class(es). As we are trying to man a number of additional RACES stations (hopefully with hospital staff) we would like to push as many people through as fast as we can. Our target audience for the summer class was expected to be said folks. Since these are all educated allied health professionals, and summer is upon us, I should like to conduct a one day course. Gordon, WB6NOA, runs such events with a fair amount of success. The key is that since it is simply a one or two day review of the material followed immediately by a VE exam prior study on the part of the participants is essential. This would be followed up with a standard 11 week class in the fall if we can garner further interested parties.

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

June 13, 2006 – Meet at the QTH of Ed, KB1KSR at 6:30 PM for a planning session for Field Day. Then we will continue our WRRC regular meeting at GCH at 7:00 PM. The presenter will be Gordon, W2NH

June 24 – 25, 2006 – Field Day!! The BOD Meeting will be held here too with a Pot Luck Supper!! All are invited!

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John – N1TOX and Sean – KD6MPY  
President and Vice President: WRRC



June Board of Directors Notice:

The Board of Directors Meeting for June was combined with the Field Day 2006 event and Pot Luck Dinner.

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**Board of Directors**  
**29 July, 2006**

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The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on July 29, 2006 at 11:30 AM at the Brattleboro House of Pizza in Brattleboro to discuss plans for the club.

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Present were:

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KD6MPY, Sean – Vice President

K1KU, Darrel - Secretary/Treasurer

KB1KSR, Ed

AA1T, Grant

KA1ZQX, Tim

W1ZS, Burt

N1ESK, David

N1REB, Jeanette

Emily, harmonic of N1ESK/N1REB

Patty – Guest of KD6MPY

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- Grace Cottage Fair Day set up.
- A club banner has been purchased. Come to Camp Gracie on August 5 and check it out.
- 4:1 balun purchases. The BOD has authorized Darrel, K1KU, to purchase 2 baluns from HRO for antenna construction projects. One antenna will be used by Father Coombs at Vernon Green. Another will be for GCH Fair Day and other uses that might arise, such as FD or as a loaner to Hams new to HF.
- Technician Course. The WRRC will offer a two day “crash” course on August 19-20. Let your non Ham friends know about this.

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- **August 5:** Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day. Stop by for a visit, some operating, or rag chewing. If you have any old WorldRadio or QST magazines that you were going to toss please bring them for handing out to our visitors.
- **August 8:** Regular scheduled WRRC meeting; 7 PM in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital – Townshend, VT.
- ◆ **August 25-27:** New England Division convention in Boxboro, MA. Check out the details on registering at [www.boxboro.org](http://www.boxboro.org)
- **August 26:** BOD meeting; 11:30 AM at the Panasian restaurant by Staples in Brattleboro.
- **September 17:** EPOE (See article in the forthcoming issue of Digital Dispatch)
- **October 6 & 7:** Hosstraders at the Hopkinton Fair Grounds. Check it all out at [www.hosstraders.com](http://www.hosstraders.com)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

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August Board of Directors Notice:

The Board of Directors Meeting for was not held so we could attend Boxboro 2006

**MINUTES**  
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**Board of Directors**  
**30 September, 2006**

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The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on September 30, 2006 at 11:30 AM at the Brattleboro House of Pizza in Brattleboro to discuss plans for the club.

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KB1KSR, Ed

AA1T, Grant

W1ZS, Burt

N1REB, Jeanette

N1HOS, Jack

N1PBX, Conrad

KB1HCG, Mark

N1ESK, David

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- Annual meeting potluck and mini hamfest in December. N1REB, Jeanette, with Sean's assistance, graciously volunteered to head this up. Stay tuned.
- January dine out. In celebration of the beginning of WRRC's 4<sup>th</sup> year you're invited to come out for an evening of good food, good company, and good conversation. N1ESK, David, is heading up the plans for this. Again, stay tuned.
- Mark, KB1HCG, reported on repeater progress. A work party on South Newfane Hill is still needed before the white stuff flies. If you're willing to assist get an email off to Gordon, W2NH at [w2nh@inerplex.org](mailto:w2nh@inerplex.org) The work will probably take place on a Friday PM. Stay tuned for an email from Gordon once he returns from his cat business travels.
- Ideas for possible meeting topics for 2007 were put forth as below. What presentations would you like to see at our regular meetings? Email any Board member with your ideas for a meeting topic. :)
  - Emergency power – KB1HCG, Mark is reading a book on this topic now.
  - Using the ever popular ICOM 706. N1HOS, Jack, will head this one up.
  - Get a speaker from the League
  - VOIP – Echo Link, etc. RU listening John? Chas?
  - Speaker from the American Red Cross. How they deal with emergencies locally, etc.
  - A look at PL tones and how they work
  - How to solder the ubiquitous PL259 (and N, BNC connectors if time allows) Everyone brings a short piece of coax and two PL259s
  - Speaker from the Salvation Army. How they deal with emergencies locally, etc.
  - Antennas for portable operation – HF & VHF/UHF
  - A visit to our cohorts in Bennington

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- **October 6 & 7:** Hosstraders at the Hopkinton Fair Grounds. Check it all out at [www.hosstraders.com](http://www.hosstraders.com)
- **October 10:** Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRC – 19:00L in the EMT at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend. The program will be a presentation on emergency power by KB1HCG, Mark
- **October 21:** Diabetes walk in Brattleboro. If you'd like to assist advise John, N1TOX - [n1tox@adelphia.net](mailto:n1tox@adelphia.net)
- **October 28:** 11:30L Board of Directors meeting at Pan Asian Restaurant by Staples in Brattleboro
- **November 4:** RACES statewide conference at the Vermont Police Academy in Pittsfield, VT

- **November 7:** Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRC – 19:00L in the EMT at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend. The program will be “Conquering Ignition Noise”
- **November 8:** RACES drill
- **November 25:** 11:30L Board of Directors meeting at Pan Asian Restaurant by Staples in Brattleboro
- **December (TBA)** – Annual meeting and flea market. Open to spouses, SOs, kids, and friends
- **January, 2007** – Annual WRRC dine out for the spouses, SOs, kids, and friends

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

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K1KU, Darrel - Secretary/Treasurer	Patty (Guest of KD6MPY)
KB1KSR, Ed	KB1HCG, Mark
AA1T, Grant	N1JSG, Richard
KA1CYZ, Jenifer	

Besides enthralling stories told by AA1T, Grant, on his work at Corning Glass Works, and KD6MPY, Sean, on dealing with his favorite clients....

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- o Technician “crash course” over the weekend of November 18-19. Stay tuned for times & location
- o November meeting program:
  - Dealing with mobile setups by KD6MPY, Sean
  - Conclusion of emergency power lessons by KB1HCG, Mark
  - Prepare our yearly mailings to Windham County Hams – AKA Stick and Lick

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- o **November 4:** RACES statewide conference at the Vermont Police Academy in Pittsfield, VT
- o **November 8:** RACES drill
- o **November 14:** Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRC – 19:00L in the EMT at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend. The program will consist of:
  - Preparation of our annual mailings to all Hams in Windham County
  - Mobile installation procedures
  - Emergency power issues, the conclusion
- o **November 18 – 19:** Technician Crash Course:
- o **November 25:** 11:30L Board of Directors meeting at the Brattleboro House of Pizza by Staples in Brattleboro
- o **December 9:** Annual meeting for year end report and to elect officers for 1007. Also a pot luck dinner, and mini flea market. Open to spouses, SOs, kids, and friends. Haul in those potential new members.
- o **January, 2007** – Annual WRRC dine out for the spouses, SOs, kids, and friends

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28:52 L

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**November / December, 2006**

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As our regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings conflict with the holidays in November and December, The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) meeting is regularly planned to be held during the Annual Holiday Luncheon. Please see our Regular Meeting Minutes for results of the election of officers and more information we discussed.