

MINUTES
West River Radio Club
Board of Directors
February 03, 2007

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on February 3, 2007 at 11:00 AM at the Pan Asian restaurant in Brattleboro to discuss plans for the club.

Board meetings are normally held the last Saturday of each month so that our regular meeting time can be devoted to programs and fun stuff. Although voting is done by the elected Board of Directors 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

KB1HCG, Mark

KD6MPY, Sean – Vice President

W2NH, Gordon

K1KU, Darrel - Secretary/Treasurer

N1ESK, David

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- Technician “crash course” over the weekend of March 3-4, 2007. Stay tuned for times & location. Contact Sean, KD6MPY for further details.
- We reviewed the roster and updated the list. The last pleas just went out 31-Jan-07. We believe we have all the replies now.
- CW ONLY VE session on February 21 at Rescue, Inc. in Brattleboro. All CW requirements for obtaining an Amateur License officially end on February 23. Do some boning up, take the test and become one of the proud and the few. Attending VEs are requested to wear black.
- Discussion was held on RACES matters.
- Discussion was held concerning programs for our 2007 meetings. We’re almost there.
- We will be having a Dosimetry refresher for the RACES members prior to the FEMA graded evaluation.
- WRRC Gear - Polos, Tees, caps, etc. David, N1ESK, has volunteered to investigate costs for various items of apparel with several vendors. Mark, KB1HCG will be assisting David with this task.
- A short preliminary discussion of Field Day 2007 was held.

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- **February 13:** Regular scheduled meeting of the WRRC in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital – 19:00L
- **February 15:** RACES drill
- **February 21:** CW only VE session at Rescue, Inc.
- **February 24:** Board of Director’s meeting at Brattleboro House of Pizza – 11:30L
- **March 3-4:** Technician “crash course” – Time and place to be announced. Contact Sean, KD6MPY for further information
- **March 13:** Regular scheduled meeting of the WRRC in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital – 19:00L

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26:52L

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
February 24, 2007

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on February 24, 2007 at 11:00 AM at the Brattleboro House of Pizza in Brattleboro to discuss plans for the club. It was great to see many “new” faces.

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Present were:

N1TOX, John - President

KB1LQB, Chas

K1KU, Darrel - Secretary/Treasurer

N1ESK, David

N1PBX, Conrad

KA1ZQX, Tim

KA1TWV, Elaine

KB1HCG, Mark

W2NH, Gordon

N1REB, Jeanette

KB1NXN, Emily

KB1KSR, Ed

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- Club caps, tees, polos, shirts, everything but underwear. Thanks to N1ESK, David and KB1HCG, Mark, who have done much legwork tracking down costs/quality from various vendors.
- The last RACES drill.
- The Board voted to acquire a booth shelter for use at hamfests, Field Day and possible emergency
- A short discussion was held on the benefits of having a tax ID number for the club to make our non profit status official. It can be a long and tedious process. The League will be contacted to see if they can offer advice.
- The Board was advised as to what equipment on Newfane Hill and in Alstead belonged to the club and what was privately owned. The repeater on Newfane Hill is licensed to NEFM.
- Skywarn training will take place our next regularly scheduled meeting.
- 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 – ka1zqx@netzero.net

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- **February 24:** Board of Director’s meeting at PanAsian Restaurant by Staples in Brattleboro – 11:30L
- **March 8 – May 10:** General class. If interested in signing up contact Sean, kd6mpy@arrl.net
- **March 3-4:** Technician “crash course” – My understanding that six future Hams have signed up. If interested get in touch with Sean, kd6mpy@arrl.net
- **March 13:** Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRC in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting starts at 7 PM

Due to member generosity in paying the bill \$4.78 went into the petty cash fund. Thanks.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18L

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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I respectfully urge you to take advantage of this procedure.

Thanks and 73,

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MINUTES
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Board of Directors
March 7, 2007

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on March 7, 2007 at 11:30 AM at the PanAsian restaurant in Brattleboro to discuss plans for the club.

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Present were:

KD6MPY, Sean - VP

K1KU, Darrel - Secretary/Treasurer

KA1ZQX, Tim

KB1HCG, Mark

W2NH, Gordon

Chuck Underhill

NIHOS, Jack

KB1NJA, Walter

Not being blessed by the presence of our president, N1TOX, John, Sean conducted the meeting.

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- Club apparel. An email from David, N1ESK, containing pricing data on varied vendors and suggestions was discussed. Mark, KB1HCG, questioned David's findings as he was not in possession of material which Mark had brought to the meeting for him today. It was decided to table the matter for further discussion, possibly at the May 10 meeting.
- Girls on the Run. This event will be held on Saturday May 19. 10-12 Hams will be needed. If you'd like to assist at this affair contact BOTH N1ESK (n1esk@sover.net) AND John (n1tox@comcast.net)
- The BOD approved the purchase of a portable shelter for use at Field Day, hamfests and public service events. John, N1TOX, is hereby directed to purchase one for the club.
- Mark, KB1HCG, and Gordon, W2NH, reported on their recent attendance at a statewide ARES conference. One of the items covered at the meeting was interoperability between ARES and RACES.
- NEARfest – It was decided that having a club presence at this May 4-5 hamfest in Deerfield, NH would be a good idea. A list of attendees and potential drivers will be made at the April 10 meeting. If you're unable to attend and are interested in going contact KD6MPY, Sean (kd6mpy@arrl.net) or K1KU, Darrel (k1ku@arrl.net) to get your name on the list.
- March of Dimes Walkathon – No one was sure of headed this up for the MOD. This event is held the last week of April or early March.
- The Board was advised as to problems needing work on Newfane Hill, such as the bonding of guy wires. We were informed of a document that Gordon has prepared for Mitch Stern, W1SJ as per his request.
- Skywarn training will take place our next regularly scheduled meeting, 8-May-2007. Tim, KA1ZQX, will have posters available at the April 10 meeting to post in various towns.
- Mark, KB1HCG, announced his formation of a new business, namely, DMK Communications. A club benefit will be the ability to acquire lower cost gear for club projects that would not be available at either HRO or AES. Thanks, Mark.
- 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 – ka1zqx@netzero.net

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- **April 10:** Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRC at the EMT room in Grace Cottage Hospital. 7 PM. The program will consist of a program by the Antennas R US team.
- **April 18:** RACES drill. An assignment sheet for RACES participants will be sent out.

- **April 28:** Board of Directors meeting at the Brattleboro House of Pizza by Staples in Brattleboro. 11:30 AM
- **May 3:** VE session at the VEM room, top floor of the Town of Brattleboro municipal building. Contact Sean, KD6MPY (kd6mpy@arrl.net) for more information.
- **May 4-5:** NEARfest hamfest in Deerfield, NH. See above for more information.
- **May 8:** Regular scheduled meeting of the WRRC. This meeting will be devoted to Skywarn training. 7 PM in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital.
- **May 19:** Girls on the Run public service event. See above for details.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00L, at which time those in attendance proceeded to fill their faces.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU
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Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

MINUTES
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Board of Directors
April 28, 2007

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on April 28, 2007 at 11:30 AM at the Brattleboro House of Pizza in Brattleboro to discuss plans for the club.

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Present were:

N1TOX, John

K1KU, Darrel - Secretary/Treasurer

N1PBX, Conrad

KB1HCG, Mark

KB1KSR, Ed

N1HOS, Jack

W1ZS - Burt

Dr, Tom Heydinger – For Girls on the Run

Valarie Stuart – For the Strolling of the Heifers

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- NWS Skywarn training will be in lieu of our next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 8. We will meet in the Grace Cottage Hospital cafeteria at 19:00L Mark, KB1HCG, is arranging for public service announcements about Skywarn over local radio stations WTSA and WKVT. Thanks Mark.
- Girls on the Run. This event will be held on Saturday May 19. **10-12 Hams will be needed.** If you'd like to assist and learn what's involved contact John (n1tox@comcast.net). Our thanks to Dr. Tom Heydinger for taking the time to appear to show maps and discuss the logistics of the event. We should be all done by 11:00L.
- Strolling of the Heifers. Our thanks to Valarie Stuart, head of marketing and public relations for the event, for taking the time to appear and discuss our possible assistance for this annual Brattleboro event. More info is being forwarded to John, N1TOX
- NEARfest – The following members have signed up to attend the Hamfest at the Deerfield, NH fairgrounds on May 4-5: K1KU, Darrel – W2NH, Gordon – KD6MPY, Sean – KB1J, Richard – WB1CZA, Wil – K1EGL, Chuck – N1HOS, Jack. If interested in attending contact me soon at k1ku@arrl.net and I'll attempt to get some car pooling arranged for those desiring it.
- March of Dimes Walkathon – No one has responded to queries re our help this year.
- Field Day: Darrel, K1KU, went over plans for the 2007 gala happening – A 3A operation and satellite station, Saturday evening pot luck, tried and proven insect extermination methods, etc. We're thankful that Ed, KB1KSR, Ed and his gracious wife Lois have invited us back. Stay tuned for more information that will follow shortly.
- 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@comcast.net - kd6mpy@arrl.net – k1ku@arrl.net – ka1zqx@netzero.net

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- **May 4-5:** NEAR-Fest. See above.
- **May 8:** Skywarn training. See above.
- **May 10:** VE session at the VEM room, top floor of the Town of Brattleboro municipal building. This is the final meeting of the club's General class, but anyone not enrolled can also test at this time. Contact Sean, KD6MPY (kd6mpy@arrl.net) for more information.
- **May 19:** Girls on the Run. See above.
- **May 19:** Our next board meeting should be on May 26, but this is Memorial Day weekend. The Meeting time will be right after the GOTR event which should be 12 noon 'ish at the PanAsian Resturant.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32:16L.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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May 19, 2007

The Board of Directors of the West River Radio Club (WRRC) met on May 19, 2007 at 11:45 AM at the PanAsian restaurant in Brattleboro to discuss plans for the club. This month's BOD meeting was held this weekend to eliminate conflict with Memorial Day plans on the regularly scheduled meeting date.

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Present were:

N1TOX, John

K1KU, Darrel - Secretary/Treasurer

AA1T, Grant

KB1HCG, Mark

KB1KSR, Ed

N1HOS, Jack

KD6MPY, Sean - VP

KB1NJA, Walter

WB1CZA, Wil

W2NH, Gordon

KB1OQH, Paul

Guests: Bob Doney representing the Strolling of the Heifers event; Two of KB1OQH's harmonics; Dave, Sean's ambulance custodian

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- An appraisal was done on the Girls on the Run walk held this same day. Thanks from John, N1TOX and Dr. Tom Heydinger were passed onto the participants. See the June issue of Digital Digest for a full write up.
- Bob Doney spoke to communications needs for Strolling of the Heifers. It appears that nearly all avenues concerning communications are covered. We will be used, to cover the "Dairy Fair" at the Brattleboro Retreat. We are will be looking for 6 operators to assist with Public welfare and communications. The stroll is Saturday June 2. Contact Mark – kb1hcg@sover.net or John – n1tox@comcast.net if you can assist.
- A short repeater status report was given by Gordon, W2NH, and Mark, KB1HCG. Wil, WB1CZA, also reported on his efforts to procure repeater placement on Stratton Mountain. He has forwarded a second proposal to their IT person. He is optimistic regarding our chances.
- 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@comcast.net - kd6mpy@arrl.net – k1ku@arrl.net – ka1zqx@netzero.net

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- **May 24:** Monthly CERT meeting – 19:00L at the Putney Fire Department
- **May 25-27:** CQWW WPX CW contest. Here's a chance for you CW aficionados to build up your CW country count.
- **June 12:** Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRC at 19:00L in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The speaker of note will be our own Sean, KD6MPY. The topic: Tracking down and taming RFI.
- **June 23-24:** Field Day at the QTH of Ed, KB1KSR, and Lois Phoenix. See prior emailing for details. Need more info? Contact Darrel – k1ku@arrl.net

Before I close I want to give thanks to those who manage to toss in an extra buck or two at bill paying time. Every little bit helps to keep us more and more in the black.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24L.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU

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June Board of Directors Notice:

The Board of Directors Meeting for June was combined with the Field Day 2007 event and Pot Luck Dinner. See the July meeting minutes for an overview of this event.

MINUTES
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Board of Directors
July 28 2007

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Present were:

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K1KU, Darrel - Secretary/Treasurer

KB1HCG, Mark

KA1ZQX, Tim

N1ESK, David

KB1NWU, Nathan

KB1NXN, Emily

KB1KSR, Ed

W2NH, Gordon

KA1CYZ, Jenifer

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- Our annual Grace Cottage Fair Day special event. Tim, KA1ZQX, spoke to what is involved in this annual event. The date is August 4 and setup will begin at 08:00 on that Saturday morning. Announcements have appeared in the August QST and WorldRadio so our fans will be waiting to work us.
- A short report on tower work accomplished on Newfane Hill was given by Mark, KB1HCG, Mark with additions by Gordon, W2NH. Antenna re-positioning was accomplished. Thoughts were also presented on how to best accomplish lightning protection. See the next issue of the Digital Digest for more information.
- Club events: Below is more thorough information on “advertising” club events, which was mentioned by John, N1TOX, during the meeting
If you are holding an event and would like to notify people and / or ask for assistance from members of the club, please have a committee member write up an informational email and send it to Darrel, K1KU (kl7dn@sover.net) and John, N1TOX (n1tox@comcast.net) and ask us to send it on to the club members. This is the only way this will be done. Please do not assume that we know all the details of your event, (I know I cannot because my crystal ball is broken). We will be very happy to send your information along to the group as it will benefit us all knowing the correct times, location, event program and any other information you can pass along.
- 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@comcast.net - kd6mpy@arrl.net – k1ku@arrl.net – ka1zqx@netzero.net

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- **August 4:** Annual special event station and information booth at Grace Cottage Hospital. Stop by for a visit, talk up Ham Radio to the throngs, or do some operating. Set up begins at 08:00L. Unless you have gear for the event please try to use public parking – Or, drop your gear off and use public parking. On site parking will be at a minimum.
- **August 8:** RACES drill
- **August 14:** Regular scheduled meeting of the WRRC in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, VT. Start time is 19:00L.
- **August 25:** Regular scheduled BOD meeting at the PanAsian restaurant next to Staples in Brattleboro, VT. Start time is 11:30L.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24L. (So I'm guessing!)

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer: WRRRC

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Thanks and 73,

Darrel – K1KU

Secretary/Treasurer: WRRRC

MINUTES
West River Radio Club
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
October 27, 2007

The West River Radio Club (WRRC) held its regular monthly luncheon meeting on October 27, 2007 at 11:45 AM at the Pan Asian restaurant to discuss plans for the club.

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Present were:

N1TOX, John - President
K1KU, Darrel - Secretary/Treasurer
KB1KSR, Ed
KA1ZQX, Tim
N1HOS, Jack

Discussion was held concerning the following matters:

- Tim, KA1ZQX, asked whether the Fox Hunt was still a “go” for the November regular meeting. The BOD will check this out with Sean, KD6MPY
- The BOD decided not to do an annual mailing for 2008 to all Hams in Windham County who are not members of the WRRC.
- Tim, KA1ZQX, suggested that, in lieu of the mailings, all interested members receive a few club brochures to pass on to their Ham friends who don't belong to the WRRC
- The annual meeting will be held on December 8 at Grace Cottage Hospital. Darrel, K1KU, will confirm this date with Cindy at GCH.
- 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@comcast.net - kd6mpy@arrl.net – k1ku@arrl.net – ka1zqx@netzero.net

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- **November 3:** RACES statewide convention at the VA hospital in White River Junction.
- **November 13:** Next regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRC at 19:00 in the EMT room at GCH.
- **December 8:** WRRC annual meeting at GCH. This includes a mini ham fest, pot luck meal and election of officers for 2008. Jenifer, KA1ZYZ, is heading up the organization of this event. You can contact Jen at amblerj@sover.net
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The meeting was adjourned at ????. I was too busy juggling the high finances involved in paying the bill. Who cares anyway.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC