

MINUTES
West River Radio Club
11 January, 2005

The WRRC held its annual meeting on January 11, 2005 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:00L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	KD6MPY, Sean-VP	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas
AA1T, Grant	N1HOS, Jack	KB1HCG, Mark
N1JSG, Richard	KB1KSR, Ed	KB1J, Richard
W2NH, Gordon		

Our new 2 meter net was discussed. This net will meet on the Marlboro machine, 147.015 + w/100 Hz tone. Allan, N1HWI, has graciously granted us the use of his machine. Place your vote by contacting Darrel, K1KU, at kl7dn@sover.net. Your choices are either Tuesday or Sunday evenings at 7 or 8 PM.

John, N1TOX, passed around a copy of our ad that will go into the Vermont Amateur Radio Directory. Copies of these directories are available for \$5. All present expressed the desire to purchase a copy. If you would like one please get in touch with John at n1tox@adelphia.net.

There is a program change for our February 8 meeting. Darrel, K1KU, will present a program on Field Day - a little bit on its history, purposes, and procedures. If you're new to FD or an experienced participant you won't want to miss this one. The WRRC is planning a major effort for this year's event.

W2NH, Gordon, provided a repeater update. He has some needed crystals and parts. Within the month he hopes to have a machine up and running on 147.090. Gordon requested permission to apply for another repeater license. His request was approved. He is also looking for a 6 meter receiver.

At this point Grant, AA1T, presented an in depth review of receivers and how to judge them. Distinctions were made between regenerative, direct conversion and superhet receivers. He also covered how to make sense of all those numbers that show up in the QST and company specs.

The club's next Board of Director's meeting will be on January 29 at 11:30 AM at the Brattleboro House of Pizza near Staples. All are invited to attend and take part in discussing plans for our club.

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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02 February, 2005

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Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	KD6MPY, Sean-VP	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas
AA1T, Grant	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1LQB, Charles
N1JSG, Richard	KB1KSR, Ed	KB1J, Richard
W2NH, Gordon		

Our new 2 meter net was discussed. This net meets on the Marlboro machine, 147.015 + w/100 Hz tone. Participation has been slight for the first few nets. All members capable of hitting this repeater are encouraged to join in. So far the net has been of a rag chew nature. We hope to soon move into some emergency training as well.

Sufficient copies of the Vermont Amateur Radio Directory will be ordered. Copies of these directories are available for \$5. Many of you have already expressed a desire to buy one. If you would like one, and have not done so yet, please get in touch with John at n1tox@adelphia.net.

No answer from inquiries about Skywarn training have been received from the NWS in Albany as of yet. There are plans for a spring Skywarn training session. This session might be held in Brattleboro or Bellows Falls. Stay tuned for further details.

Equipment purchased for our station at Grace Cottage Hospital is beginning to come in. This gear is being purchased from a \$1000 grant from the Town of Townshend. The basics of this station are in place,(ICOM 706, and tuner) but antenna placement is waiting for authorization by the powers that be at GCH.

Richard, N1JSG, is heading up an effort to start a HF net. Give him a shout if interested and provide any suggestions as to band, time, frequency, etc. He can be reached at n1jsg@adelphia.net

Items for a Care package for Tim Bell, KA1ZQX, were received, as well as monetary donations from KD6MPY, Sean, and KB1LLI, David. The money will be used to purchase appropriate things for Tim and combined with the received items for mailing to Tim. I'm sure that Tim would enjoy a note from any club members. His address is:

S.F.C Timothy Bell
2-172 A.R.
Attn: Company C
A.P.O., AE 09330

With the able assistance from our two resident techies from U. Mass (N1TOX and KB1LQB) Darrel, K1KU, showed a video and gave a presentation on the basics of Field Day. Ed, KB1KSR has graciously donated the use of his field for the 2005 event. Your participation is encouraged. More information will follow as the time draws nearer.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- Next regular meeting of the WRRC on March 8

- RACES drill on March 9
- March of Dimes march the last Sunday in April (This one is up in the air.)
- Field Day on June 25 - 26
- Grace Cottage Hospital Days on the first Saturday in August.

Our next Board of Director's meeting will be held on February 26 at the House of Pizza next to Staples in Brattleboro. All are welcome to attend these meetings and contribute to the discussion.

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Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

MINUTES West River Radio Club 15 March, 2005

The WRRC held its regular meeting on March 15, 2005 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:00L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	K1EGL, Chuck
W1ZS, Burt	N1HOS, Jack	AA1T, Grant
KB1HCG, Mark	KB1LQB, Charles	N1JSG, Richard
KB1KSR, Ed	KB1J, Richard	W2NH, Gordon

John, N1TOX, reviewed the most recent RACES drill on March 9. Kudos were passed out all around. John is working with VEM to have Rover come down for our special event during Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day.

Darrel, K1KU, will get announcements off to WorldRadio and QST re the GCH special event. It will be an extra thrill this year using our W1RRC call sign. (Note: we now also have an "extra" call. It is WR1VT. Thanks to Gordon, W2NH, for that one.)

John, N1TOX, reviewed our 2 meter net procedures. Stop by and join the fun every Sunday evening at 7 PM on 147.015, the Marlboro machine. There is a PL of 100 Hz.

Copies of the Vermont Amateur Radio Directory were purchased by some. I believe that John still has some more copies available. If interested in purchasing a one contact John at n1tox@adelphia.net.

The next Skywarn session was announced. The Skywarn session will be at Rescue, Inc in Brattleboro, VT (across from Burger King). Park in the right hand parking lot. This will replace our May 10th meeting. Sessions start at 6:30 PM and will go to 8:30 PM. Bring a friend to get more folks involved. You must sign up in advance to attend. A link will be placed on the WRRC main page directing you to the correct URL for the NOAA page.

Darrel K1KU, will procure a FISTS number for the club. There is a \$1 administrative fee. This will allow FISTS members who work us claim another station for awards. For more information about FISTS go to www.fists.org

AA1T, Grant, has graciously volunteered to design a secure wall cabinet for our station in the EMT room at GCH. We hope to have this station operational for Field Day so that we can go on the air in the 1F category from here. We will also use KB1KSR, Ed's QTH for the real "field" part of FD.

Our first General license class is off and running. Signed up so far are KB1KSR, Ed, KB1HCG, Mark, KB1LQB, Charles, and N1TOX, John. If you might be interested contact Sean at kd6mpy@arrl.net The class will be held in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital. The class will meet each Tuesday night (except for meeting nights) beginning on April 5.

Club members can be used for the March of Dimes march the last Sunday in April. An email will be forthcoming about this public service event. We will need at least 12 members for deployment to Brattleboro, Bellows Falls and Springfield.

Chas, KB1LQB, with the assistance of PowerPoint, gave an excellent educational presentation on computer security. (Now I know the real scoop on Phishing.) Thanks, Chas.

It was "bring and brag" time as N1JSG, Richard, showed some of his VHF antenna creations and spoke to their construction. And I thought that coat hangers were only used for hanging up clothes. Thanks, Rich. John, N1TOX, also showed off his newly built collapsible 2 meter J Pole and Darrel, K1KU, showed a 40-10 meter vertical he built for portable operations in Alaska.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, 26 at Brattleboro House of Pizza
- Regular schedule meeting on April 12. There will be a presentation on logging and contest software by W1ZS, Burt and K1KU, Darrel
- RACES drill on April 27

- March of Dimes march the last Sunday in April
- Field Day on June 25 - 26
- Grace Cottage Hospital Days on August 6, 2005

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Darrel Daley – K1KU
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MINUTES
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12 April, 2005

The WRRC held its regular meeting on April 12, 2005 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	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	K1EGL, Chuck
W1ZS, Burt	N1HOS, Jack	AA1T, Grant
KB1HCG, Mark	KD6MPY, Sean	N1JSG, Richard
KB1KSR, Ed	KB1J, Richard	W2NH, Gordon
Phillip Venness	Walter Venness	

We were pleased to have two guests join us – Phillip and Walter Venness, as noted above.

John, N1TOX, reviewed RACES business. Our next drill will be on April 27. This will be a small drill in preparation for the big one on May 24. It was also noted that ROVER will be coming down for our special event set up during Grace Cottage Hospital day on August 6.

AA1T, Grant's wife passed away on March 31. Condolences were expressed and a sympathy card to be sent was signed by all present.

John, N1TOX, reviewed our progress with the 2 meter net. Conditions and net access has been sporadic. Please advise N1TOX, John, if another evening and/or time would be preferable for you.

The next Skywarn session will be at Rescue, Inc. in Brattleboro, VT (across from Burger King). Park in the right hand parking lot. This will replace our May 10th meeting. Sessions start at 6:30 PM and will go to 8:30 PM. Bring a friend to get more folks involved. You must sign up in advance to attend. A link will be placed on the WRRC main page directing you to the correct URL for the NOAA page.

A FISTS number for the club has been procured by Darrel, K1KU. This means that there will be another certificate to hang on our station cabinet once it is completed. For more information about FISTS go to www.fists.org

Due to N1JSG's good efforts the club will once more participate in the March of Dime's walk on Sunday, May 1 in Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Springfield. If you are still interested in joining in contact John, N1TOX, at n1tox@adelphia.net

At this point Darrel, K1KU, gave a presentation on DX4WIN logging software and Writelog contesting software. With the expertise of our PC Gurus we hope to have Writelog networked for use at this year's Field Day.

A rag chew session followed.

The next Board meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30 at the Brattleboro House of Pizza next to Staples in Brattleboro. The meeting starts at 11:30L.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, April 30 at Brattleboro House of Pizza
- Regular schedule meeting on May 10. This will be a Skywarn session at Rescue Inc. in Brattleboro
- RACES drill on April 27
- March of Dimes march Sunday, May 1
- Field Day on June 25 - 26
- Grace Cottage Hospital Days on August 6, 2005

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Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU
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MINUTES
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10 May, 2005

The WRRC held its Special NOAA Skywarn Training meeting on May 10, 2005 Rescue, Inc. The meeting was called to order at 1830 L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	KD6MPY, Sean – V. President	KB1HCG, Mark
KB1LQB, Charles	N1JSG, Richard	KB1KSR, Ed
W2NH, Gordon	KA1CZO, Robert	

There were 12 other people who attended who learned about the training on our website, NOAA Weather Radio and WTSA. Our thanks go to Raymond and Steve from the NWS – Albany Office for the night's presentation.

John reminded the WRRC members at the conclusion of the meeting about our packed schedule of events for the month of May. Please refer to our "Meeting and Events Times" page to update your home calendars. RACES members were urged to watch their email for any notices about the VY / VEM-RACES test on May 24th.

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Respectfully submitted,

John Borichevsky
President: WRRC

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June 14, 2005

The WRRC held its annual meeting on June 14, 2005 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:

AA1T, Grant	N1TOX, John	KB1LQB, Charles	N1HOS, Jack
KB1HCG, Mark	N1JSG, Richard	KB1KSR, Ed	KB1J, Richard
K1EGL, Chuck	W2NH, Gordon		

John started off the meeting with a review of the VEM-RACES test we just completed. The test was a success for RACES and there are a few things we need to do. These items will be covered during our next few meetings. Good job by all who participated!!

We had a Status Report of our Repeater deployment. We are looking at a number of locations for our deployment. A large amount of equipment has been obtained and being worked on and tested for deployment. John has requested funding from Homeland Security for our major locations. We have also made great progress on a location in Grafton with our thanks to Chuck for his continued efforts!! Gordon will be getting together with Mitch to get a frequency and then that will be a go!! Gordon, our repeater guru, gave us a listing of what is in the works and he has been a busy person!! We also thank Gordon for all his work and coordination efforts in this area!!

“Field Days” is coming around the corner real soon. Darrel, K1KU, will be sending out an email with all the details for us. Watch your inbox!! We have some commitments and looking for more folks to enjoy in some of the fun!! Please consider stopping by and joining in on the fun. And don’t forget about Fair Day!!

Chuck, K1EGL, did a wonderful presentation on Remote Radio Control via your Laptop. If you are interested in looking at the applications used during the presentation, go to our website’s Links’ Library and they are listed under the NEW title “Our Newest “HOT” Sites”. If you have a great URL to share, pass it on to John, N1TOX and it will be listed here!! These applications are “Free” and are very LARGE in size. If you have a dial-up connection, contact, Chuck, K1EGL, John N1TOX or Chas, KB1LQB to get them on CD.

Our next BOD meeting will not be on Saturday June 18, 2005, but will be during Field Days.

We will post a Net Control Schedule for our Emergency Services Thursday night Net. This will be emailed to all members. We changed the Net to Thursday as the Sunday numbers were minimal as Summer is here.

The meeting was closed at 2030 (L)

And that’s the way I remembered it. Please advise of any changes or corrections needed.

Respectfully submitted,

John – N1TOX, President WRRC

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12 July, 2005

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Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	KD6MPY, Sean/VP	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	N1HOS, Jack
AA1T, Grant	KB1HCG, Mark	N1JSG, Richard	KB1KSR, Ed
KB1J, Richard	W2NH, Gordon	N1HOS, Jack	KB1LQB, Chas
W1OKO, Oliver			

A warm welcome to Oliver, W1OKO, our newest member.

John, N1TOX, conducted the meeting via a Power Point presentation. Items covered included:

- o Field Day report. FYI, it went well and a good time was had by all.
- o Upcoming events, including our special event station at Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Days on Saturday, August 6.
- o Review of the New England Division Cabinet meeting held at Putney Inn on July 10

A hand count showed that 7-8 people will assist with the GCH Fair Days. You needn't be on any list in order to stop by for a visit, do some operating, greet the public, or just plain kibitz. We'll start setting up at 8 AM and probably be there into the early afternoon.

There was a discussion of club recruitment and recruitment of new Hams. It was decided to hold a scheduled yearly Technician class sometime each fall.

It was decided to send off another care package to our first President, Tim Bell, KA1ZQX. If you're not aware, Tim is stationed in Kuwait on the border with Iraq. Anyone wishing to contribute something can bring an item to the GCH fair days. As in the past, I'll box it all up and mail it off.

John, N1TOX, has been busy again at improving our web site. Check the whole thing out and, especially the newest feature. Under West River Radio Club's Highlights on the home page go a little over half way down the page and click on the "here" link right under the coax, or click on the second button in the left hand column titled "About Us and Ham Radio"

Ed, KB1KSR, initiated a discussion on the Thursday night 2 meter net. Attendance as been sparse, one reason being the abundance of leaves that Mother Nature has placed on all the trees. Try to remember to stop by for a visit if the propagation gods are kind to you. That's Thursday evenings at 7 PM on 147.015, the Marlboro machine. There is a 100 Hz PL tone required.

We were all treated to a surprise presentation by Sean, KD6MPY, on fox, AKA T hunting. Sean gave a nice, brief overview of how it's done and all were provided with handouts culled from various and sundry periodicals explaining the ins and outs of the sport. Once the above mentioned accursed leaves depart Sean will set up a club hunt so that we can get some OJT.

Upcoming Events:

- o Board of Director's meeting at the House of Pizza (possibly Hunan Gardens right next door) on Saturday, July 30 at 11:30 AM. All are welcome.
- o GCH Fair Days on Saturday, August 6 on the Commons in Townshend, VT.

- WRRRC regular meeting – Tuesday, August 9 in the EMT room at GCH. Program to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM

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9 August, 2005

The WRRC held its regular meeting on August 9, 2005 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:00L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	N1HOS, Jack
AA1T, Grant	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed
KB1J, Richard	W1ZS, Burt	

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

- Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day on August 6. Ten members were present, and although we were asked more questions about buying tickets for the chicken bar-b-que than radio a good time was had by all.
- On August 8 a meeting with Scout leaders from Guilford, Vernon, and Brattleboro was attended by N1TOX, John, KB1LQB, Chas, and K1KU, Darrel. Scout literature related to Ham Radio was handed out and the offer of assistance to scouts wanting to procure their radio merit badge or a Ham license was made. We will set up a radio station (FD style) for a three troop campout on September 17 at the Guilford fair grounds.
- Upcoming club events. See a listing further on in these minutes. You are also encouraged to go to www.westriverradio.net for updates.

N1TOX, John, also via PowerPoint and “live” web samples, made an excellent presentation on web design – hints & kinks, how to pull in more viewers, layout, etc. This amateur web site builder learned some neat new tricks of the trade.

Another care package will be mailed today (August 10) to our first President, Tim Bell, KA1ZQX. If you’re not aware, Tim is stationed in Kuwait on the border with Iraq. We’re hoping that this might be the last one because we hope to see him back in the good old USA for Christmas of 2005.

Upcoming Events:

- August 27. Board of Director’s meeting at Hunan Gardens at 11:30 AM. All are welcome.
- September 13. Regular WRRC meeting – 7 PM on in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital.
- September 17. Station setup to demonstrate Ham Radio at a BSA campout at Guilford Fair Grounds.
- September 21. An eight week Tech class starts. Location to be determined based on where most of the students will come from.
- September 27. VE session.
- Note: KD6MPY, Sean is working on a fox hunt for this fall when the leaves won’t mess up those short electro magnetic waves so much.
- October 11. A live demonstration of the digital modes by AA1T, Grant – W1ZS, Burt, and K1KU, Darrel.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:48 PM (L).

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Regular Meeting
13 September, 2005

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Present were:

N1TOX, John, President
KD6MPY, Sean, Vice President
KB1KSR, Ed
W2NH, Gordon
N1HOS, Jack
KB1LQB, Chas
KB1J, Richard,
KA1TWV, Elaine
N1HXC, Scotty

Walter VanNess
W1ZS, Burt
KB1HCG, Mark

Special Guest Presenter and Visiting Guest
W1ZPB, Walt – Northfield, MA (FCARC)
Betty (XYL - W1ZPB)
KB1KRS, Hyrum (FCARC)

Mark your calendars:

- o September 21, 2005 Technician class starts. Contact Sean, KD6MPY for enrollments
- o September 17, 2005 – BSA Camporee – Guilford Fair Grounds 9 AM – 4 PM
- o September 24, 2005 – BOD Meeting, Hunan Garden, Brattleboro
- o October 7 – 8, 2005 – Hosstraders (Where's Darrel?)
- o October 11, 2005 – Next Meeting – Digital Communications
- o October 17, 2005 – BSA JOTA – Band conditions dependant
- o November 5 (that's a 99% certainty). RACES statewide one day convention somewhere in the Killington area.

John will be contacting VEM for an update of the RACES programs. As hurricane Katrina "probably" has made VEM very busy, not much news has come from VEM in relation to the programs we are working on. We also need an update to the VEM meeting scheduled for November and other related programs going on.

We had a wonderful presentation on Alternative Power Production by W1ZPB, Walt. We saw slides of is 3 season dam for hydro power, his solar panel farm and other solar panel projects like a flashlight battery charger. His slide show also how beneficial wind power is for small to large operations. We also calculated what to purchase for a Ham Shack for solar equipment.

If you would like a tour of the Searsburg Wind Farm, there are 2 tours left. These tours are open to the public and we will be planning a club visit in 2006. I believe the dates are September 22 and October 7. Contact W1ZPB for more details on the 146.985 Greenfield (Leyden) repeater or email him at W1ZPB@ARRL.NET. A question and answer followed the meeting.

Thanks to all members who where able to attend this meeting. Your support and devotion to Amateur Radio is wonderful.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 20:30 (L). And that's the way I heard it. Please advise as to any errors or omissions.

Respectfully submitted,

John, N1TOX - President: WRRC

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Darrel – K1KU

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MINUTES
West River Radio Club
11 October, 2005

The WRRC held its regular meeting on October 11, 2005 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:00L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	KD6MPY, Sean-VP	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	Walter Van Ness
AA1T, Grant	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed	Peter Massari
KB1J, Richard	W1ZS, Burt	N1JSG, Richard	N1HOS, Jack
W2NH, Gordon	KB1LQB, Chas	K1EGL, Chuck	

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

John, N1TOX, conducted the meeting via a Power Point presentation. One comment to me was that this approach to conducting a meeting is appreciated. Items covered and discussed included:

- N1TOX, John, and KB1LQB, Chas drove south to Greenfield on an ARES Mutual Aid call from FCARC, to assist with communications for the flooding down there. John urged that all work on having a Go Kit ready for such short notice calls.
- Our next VE session for the current Tech class. Others would surely be welcome. Please advise Sean, KD6MPY (kd6mpy@arrl.net) if you'd like to go for an upgrade on November 9.
- The Tech class currently in progress. Be ready to welcome some new Hams to our ranks.
- RACES day long statewide meeting in Pittsford, VT on November 5. The following members will be attending:
K1EGL – W2NH – AA1T – N1JSG – KB1LQB – K1KU – N1TOX – N1HOS – KB1HCG
If your call is not listed please let John, N1TOX **AND** Darrel, K1KU know of your intent to attend. Also, if you're willing to drive please advise John, N1TOX **AND** Darrel, K1KU (Having two lists allows for synchronization and PCs do crash, emails get lost, etc. – even if you're a Geek.) Riders will be expected to assist with gas expenses.
- Our next meeting will be on November 8 in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital. This will be a rag chew session during which we will fold, spindle and mutilate our yearly mailing to all Hams in Windham County.
- Reservations have been made of our annual meeting on December 3, 2005 – same format as last year, mini hamfest, potluck dinner, and short business meeting to elect officers for 2006.
- Gordon, W2NH, did a repeater update. We do have a machine on Newfane Hill (147.090, up 600 and no PL). There are some interference problems and the detective squad is at work tracking them down. K1EGL, Chuck, is also working at being able to use facilities in Grafton to improve our communications.
- ALL members are encouraged to propose meeting topics, programs for 2006. Email your ideas to your officers: n1tox@adelphia.net - kd6mpy@arrl.net – k1ku@arrl.net
- At the suggestion of N1JSG, Richard a WRRC net will be held on 28.445 MHz on Thursdays at 7 PM. This will be a rag chewing affair. As the leaves depart we'll have to decide how to handle the net situation for 2 meters and/or HF. As with all matters affecting the club, your ideas are welcome and appreciated.

A mostly successful live demo of the digital modes (PSK31, RTTY and SSTV) was presented by W1ZS, Bert - AA1T, Grant - K1KU, Darrel using laptops, dummy loads and assorted software.

Errata - Several WRRRC members attended the fall Hosstraders and, to my knowledge, a good time was had by all. Seen checking out the bargains were: KD6MPY, KB1KSR, W2NH, K1BOV, N1HOS, and K1KU.

Upcoming Events:

- October 29: BOD meeting at 11:30 AM at Hunan Gardens next to Staples in Brattleboro.
- November 9: VE exam at Grace Cottage Hospital
- November 5: RACES all day meeting in Rutland, VT
- A fall fox hunt. Sean, KD6MPY is setting this one up and waiting for more leaves to go away.
- November 8: Regular scheduled club meeting
- December 3: Annual meeting at Grace Cottage Hospital

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM (L).

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Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU

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MINUTES
West River Radio Club
8 November, 2005

The WRRC held its regular meeting on November 8, 2005 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:00L 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	N1HOS, Jack
W2NH, Gordon	KB1LQB, Chas	K1EGL, Chuck	WB7SEK, Roger

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

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

- With respect to emergency preparedness John pointed us to <http://www.knowwhattodo.info/southernvermont/index.php> as a site with some good information
- He also reviewed the recent RACES statewide gathering at Pittsford, VT. Seven local RACES members attended this worthwhile event. Our esteemed leader gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation to the nearly 40 RACES members present.
- After a long hiatus we have two nets off and running again, both on every Thursday evening:
 - A HF net on 19:00L on 3.980
 - A 2 meter net at 19:30L on 147.015 – plus 600 offset and a 100 Hz PLYou're encouraged to stop by and say hello and maybe even learn something.
- Annual meeting – Set aside December 3 for our second annual meeting at Grace Cottage Hospital. Events will start at 11:00L with chit chat and a mini ham fest in our meeting room. At noon we'll set down to a pot luck meal in the employee dining room. Please John and/or yours truly what you'll be bringing along to chow down on. At 13:00L we'll have a short business meeting to elect officers for 2006.
- Fox Hunt – KD6MPY, Sean is organizing our first ever fox hunt for November 27, 2005. Gather at the Grace Cottage parking lot at 09:00L to get your instructions and learn how it's all done. 147.015 will be the repeater de jour.
- ALL members are encouraged to propose meeting topics or programs for 2006. Email your ideas to your officers: n1tox@adelphia.net - kd6mpy@arrl.net – k1ku@arrl.net

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Want to **MAKE US RICH?** I'm ready, willing and able to accept dues for 2006 at any time. If you can attend our annual meeting on December 3 please bring along your check for \$10 made out to WRRC. Even though circumstances may not allow you to attend meetings or take an active part in club activities, please know that we do appreciate your membership. We also accept cash. If unable to attend you can mail your check to me at:

Darrel Daley
POB 445
Putney, VT 05346

The remainder of the evening was spent folding, stuffing, and stamping envelopes with material for our annual mass mailing to Hams in Windham County.

Upcoming Events:

- November 16: VE exam at Grace Cottage Hospital. If you'd like to take a shot at upgrading give Sean, KD6MPY, a shout at kd6mpy@arrl.net
- Our first fox hunt is being organized by Sean, KD6MPY. See above for the details
- December 3 – Annual meeting. See above for details

The meeting was adjourned at 20:00L.

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

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MINUTES
West River Radio Club
3 December, 2005

The WRRC held its annual meeting on December 3, 2005 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 11:50L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

N1TOX, John-President	KD6MPY, Sean-VP	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	KB1HCG, Mark
KB1J, Richard	N1HOS, Jack	KA1TWV, Elaine	N1FQS, Clarence
W2NH, Gordon	KB1LQB, Chas	W1ERE, Irving	

K1EGL, Chuck and N1JSG, Richard were present for the swap fest, but not the meeting

Honored guests were:

- o Jean King, XYL of W1ERE
- o Danielle Kracum, daughter of KB1HCG
- o Marion Daley, XYL of K1KU

Thanks to all who attended. Thanks, also, to all who renewed your membership for 2006. If you haven't done so as of yet you can renew by sending a check for \$10 made out to WRRC to:

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A family member (ham or non-ham) can also be enrolled as an auxiliary member for \$5

Dues are payable by January 1, 2006.

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Following a small ham fest John, N1TOX, conducted a short business meeting Items acted upon and discussed included:

- o A short review of our accomplishments in 2005.
- o A short statement on the club's financial condition by K1KU
- o A short statement from KD6MPY on ham classes, VE sessions and club programs
- o By-law revision. As an ARRL affiliated club we need to have over 50% of our members belong to the League. The original by-laws allowed for full membership and privileges for all – ham or non-ham. Conceivably, enough non-hams could join up that our 50% requirement could be in jeopardy. It was therefore moved, seconded, and voted in the affirmative that our by-laws be modified to allow full membership only for licensed Hams. An auxiliary membership status was created for non-hams. Auxiliary members cannot hold office and would not have voting rights. They would also NOT be counted toward membership credit with respect to League affiliation. A copy of the revised by-laws are attached. The changed paragraphs are in italics/bold.
- o It was moved, seconded and voted in the affirmative to cast a unanimous ballot to re-elect the current slate of officers, namely,
 - N1TOX, John Borichevsky – President
 - KD6MPY, Sean Sanderson – Vice President
 - K1KU, Darrel Daley – Secretary/Treasurer
- o ALL members are encouraged to propose meeting topics or programs for 2006. Email your ideas to your officers: n1tox@adelphia.net - kd6mpy@arrl.net – k1ku@arrl.net

- KB1HCG, Mark, suggested that more be done to get club information out to the communities in our area via PSAs. All present agreed with this concept and John, N1TOX, and Darrel, K1KU, will explore this matter, especially with respect to the Observer. It was agreed by all that the Reformer does poorly in this area.
- W1ERE, Irv, our snow bird member from Northford, CT and winner of the “I came the furthest” prize, complimented John, N1TOX, on his recent emailing on emergency preparedness and Go Kits. As a part time resident in hurricane country, Irv is well aware of the need to be ready.

Upcoming Events:

On January 10, 2006 we'll hold the first meeting of our third year of existence. What a great cause to celebrate. Join us for a PowerPoint presentation on FISTS by Darrel, K1KU. The WRRC is a FISTS club and we have the certificate and number to prove it. Come learn what it's all about. Our resident CW aficionados (AA1T, W1ZS, KD6MPY, K1KU) will be present to answer all your queries on this grand art form.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:28L. All present then proceeded to stuff their bodies with a variety of succulent food stuffs prepared, I'm sure, with loving care. Our thanks to all who contributed to some truly fine dining. I did not leave hungry and I'll bet money that no one else did either.

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

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