

# MINUTES

## West River Radio Club

### 09 January, 2007

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The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on January 9, 2007 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:

N1TOX, John President  
KB1HCG, Mark  
W1ECO, Paul  
N1PBX, Conrad  
John, KB1NWT

KD6MPY, Sean VP  
KB1KSR, Ed  
W1WOL, Bill  
KB1LQB, Chas  
Chuck, K1EGL

KA1ZQX, Tim PR  
W2NH, Gordon  
Richard, N1JSG  
Rich, KB1J

Happy New Year wishes were offered to everyone by John, N1TOX

A reminder that club dues are to be paid by the end of the month to retain membership

John brought the following matters before the members for discussion.

- o Secretary/Treasurer report. Darrel reported to John that monies on hand are as follows:
  - Checking = \$1,509.83
- o Tim, KA1ZQX reported on the recent ARES efforts to become better organized within the state.
- o If you would like to step forward to help in promoting ARES EmComm communication contact either Tim ([ka1zqx@netzero.net](mailto:ka1zqx@netzero.net)) or John ([n1tox@comcast.net](mailto:n1tox@comcast.net))

Grant, AA1T gave a presentation on Smith Charts and Antenna modeling.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM L

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Bell – KA1ZQX  
Public Relations Officer: WRRC

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I respectfully urge you to take advantage of this procedure.

Thanks and 73,  
Darrel – K1KU

# MINUTES

## West River Radio Club

### 13 February, 2007

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The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on February 13, 2007 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:03:42L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

N1TOX, John - President	KD6MPY, Sean VP	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed
W2NH, Gordon	KB1NWU, Nathan	N1REB, Jeanette	KB1NXN, Emily
K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	W1ECO, Paul	K1EGL, Chuck	KB1HCG, Mark
W1ZS, Burt	KB1LQB, Chas	W1WOL, Bill	KB1NWT, John

Via PowerPoint John, N1TOX, brought the following matters before the members for discussion.

- Secretary/Treasurer report. Darrel reported that monies on hand are as follows:
  - Checking = \$1,534.69
  - Cash on hand = \$33.14
  - Total on hand    \$1,567.83**
- New club equipment. Bruce Wilder, KA3PQU, has generously donated the following items to WRRC:
  - 2M/440 Vertical
  - 10 AM PS
  - 2 Meter beam
- RACES drill on February 15. The drill was reviewed and forms were handed out to RACES members present.
- Tech “crash” course on March 3-4. Let Sean, KD6MPY, know of any potential out there who might be interested. [Kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:Kd6mpy@arrl.net)
- General class – 10 weeks long and beginning on March 8. As above, let Sean know of your or a friend’s interest.
- Nets
  - Mark, KB1HCG, was commended for keeping the VHF net up and running.
  - Plans are afoot to revitalize the HF net
- VP report: Sean did a review of the classes and VE sessions coming up.
- W2NH, Gordon, brought up the need for more work at the repeater site, mainly to improve the bonding situation. Intermittent noise is being experienced on the machine.
- 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](mailto:n1tox@adelphia.net) - [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net) – [k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net) – [ka1zqx@netzero.net](mailto:ka1zqx@netzero.net)

At this point Sean, KD6MPY, with the assistance of slides and examples to pass around, gave one fine presentation on the many connectors used with our radios. He concluded with a live blow torch demonstration on assembling the ubiquitous PL-259. Thanks, Sean.

Mark your calendar (Also check our web site at [www.westriverradio.net](http://www.westriverradio.net))

- **Ongoing:** WRRC 2 meter net on 147.015 (PL=100) every Thursday evening. The festivities commence at 19:30L

- **March 3-4:** Technician “crash” class and VE session in the VEM room, top floor of the Brattleboro Municipal building. Contact Sean, KD6MPY, at [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net) for further information.
- **February 21:** CW VE exam. Stay tuned. This would be a momentous event by representing the club’s last CW exam.
- **February 24:** Board of Directors meeting at the Brattleboro House of Pizza. 11:30 L
- **March 13:** Regular scheduled meeting of the WRRRC in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital. Things get under way at 19:00 L
- **Any date - GET RICH!** Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2007 and get your membership in 2008 for ½ off the regular selling price. N1JSG, Richard, has already qualified for this discount.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:15 L in order for the attending members to be home before the N’easter strikes.

And that’s how I heard it. Please advise me of any sins of commission or omission.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRRC

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W2NH, Gordon	KA1ZQX, Tim	N1PBX, Conrad	KB1J, Richard
K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	W1ECO, Paul	K1EGL, Chuck	WB1CZA, Wil
AA1T. Grant	KB1LQB, Chas	W1WOL, Bill	

John, N1TOX, brought the following matters before the members for discussion.

- The next Board of Director's meeting will be on March 31 at the PanAsian Restaurant by Staples in Brattleboro. All are welcome. It begins at 11:30 AM.
- Next regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRC on April 10 – We meet at 19:00L in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The program will be presented by Antennas R US.
- RACES drill on April 18, no complete info on this - stay tuned for further details.
- There will be a club picnic on Onyon Field, AKA as Onyon International Airport, perhaps on April 28. Stay tuned for further details.
- The club's recent Tech Crash Course was reviewed. New Techs welcomed to Hamdom as a result of the course are (drum roll, please):
  - Gaila Gulack
  - Paul Blais
- Congratulations to the two graduates.
- A 9 week General course is now in progress with 6 students signed up. The VE exam will be held on May 3. Others interested in an entry level test or upgrade at this time contact Sean, KD6MPY – [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net)
- We will be looking into the prospect of having a “Kid's Friendly” tech class to offer so we can promote younger hams in the area.
- A repeater update was given by Mark, KB1HCG, and Gordon, W2NH. The intermittent problem appears to be in the antenna, possibly cold weather causing a poor connection at some joint. Gordon recommends that two sites/frequencies be “locked” up now due to certain changes that will soon take place.
- John, N1TOX, encourages all to keep an eye out for possible flooding. Remember that anyone can activate an ARES net if the need arises.
- ARES – As DEC for Windham County, Tim, KA1ZQX, asked all members who are able to contact him ([ka1zqx@netzero.net](mailto:ka1zqx@netzero.net)) about availability to assist, if needed, with possible flooding on the Winooski River up north.
- Secretary/Treasurer report. Darrel reported that monies on hand are as follows:
  - Checking = \$1,609.00
  - Cash on hand = \$26.17**Total on hand     \$1,635.17**
- We currently have 47 members in the database and 60.53% are ARRL members, allowing us to easily qualify for ARRL affiliation.
- Mark, KB1HCG, and David, N1ESK, were noted for their work in researching clothing for club members – hats, tees, polo shirts, etc. They are diligently seeking out the best price/best quality combination.

- The May 8 WRRC meeting will be devoted to Skywarn training.
- 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](mailto:n1tox@adelphia.net) - [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net) – [k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net) – [ka1zqx@netzero.net](mailto:ka1zqx@netzero.net)

At this point Grant, AA1T, gave a very intriguing and, as we've come to expect, knowledgeable presentation on the Vector Network Analyzer (VNA). These valuable test instruments go for \$18K, but fortunately TAPR (Tucson Packet Radio) negotiated with Ten-Tec to build a scaled down version for around \$600. Grant and a couple of friends own this model that was used for the talk.

VNAs are for circuit developers who want to measure the input/output characteristics of any device.

A couple of demonstrations were given using one of Grant's home brew amps and a couple of antennas.

We were also shown the method of finding the base/emitter/collector on a transistor when there are no markings.

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- **March 31:** Board of Director's meeting at the PanAsian Restaurant by Staples in Brattleboro. Things start up at 11:30AM. All are welcome.
- **April 10:** WRRC meeting at Grace Cottage Hospital – 19:00L in the EMT room. The program will be presented by Antennas R US.
- **April 18:** RACES drill. Stay tuned for further information as it arrives from VEM.
- **April 28:** Board of Director's meeting at Brattleboro House of Pizza by Staples in Brattleboro. The meeting starts at 11:30AM
- **April 28:** Possible picnic at Onyon International Airport. If it takes place the BOD meeting will be held in conjunction with the picnic.
- **Any date - GET RICH!** Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2007 and get your membership in 2008 for ½ off the regular selling price.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:37 L.

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Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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### 10 April, 2007

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The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on April 0, 2007 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:01L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

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W2NH, Gordon	KA1ZQX, Tim	N1PBX, Conrad	KB1J, Richard
K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	W1ECO, Paul	K1EGL, Chuck	WB1CZA, Wil
N1HOS, Jack	KB1NWT, John		

John, N1TOX, via a PPT slide shoe, brought the following matters before the members for discussion.

- RACES drill on April 18. We need all the live bodies we can get for this one. If you haven't done so already please advise John, N1TOX ([n1tox@comcast.net](mailto:n1tox@comcast.net)) or K1KU, Darrel ([k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net)) if you'd like to take part. Chas, KB1LQB, has built a new beam to test on getting out of some of the holes in which we must operate.
- VE session. As a result of our last one there are now two more Techs added to the fold: Andy Hall and Michael Hill. No calls have shown up on the FCC site as of yet.
- Our ongoing General Class has six students enrolled. The VE session will be held on May 3. If interested in an upgrade or taking the Tech test contact Sean, KD6MPY – [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net)
- PR report: Tim handed out some well prepared Skywarn posters which were taken by various members to be posted in their respective towns. This session will be held in lieu of our next meeting on May 8. Mark will work at getting some PSAs onto two local radio stations. If you plan on attending you MUST register at <http://cstar.cestm.albany.edu:7775/skywarn/talks.htm>
- Elmer brochure: John, N1TOX, has made up a fine looking brochure for the club's new Elmer program. These will be presented to each new Tech coming out of one of our VE sessions. This is one more attempt to help newbies stick with the hobby. We've unfortunately seen a couple of new Hams fail to continue on in this fascinating hobby. FYI, we also offer a one year's free membership to every new Ham coming out of WRRC classes.
- VP report: See above on new Techs, current General class and May 3 VE session
- Secretary/Treasurer's report: Our membership stats were reviewed as follows: 49 members, or which 9 are Associate status (no call & non-voting). 23 League members giving us 57.5% of Full Members belonging to the ARRL. Financially were hanging in there with \$1,793.05 in checking and \$26.17 of petty cash.
- Repeater happenings: Thanks to Wil, KB1CZA, for his continuing dialog with the folks on Stratton Mountain. Gordon, W2NH, presented a document that will soon be sent to Mitch Stern, W1SJ for consideration. He also showed a map of our current repeater locations and a "wish" list of possible sites.
- As a result of K1EGL, Chuck's negotiations with Grafton we do have permission to do an install there. Written confirmation is forthcoming. Thanks, Chuck.
- Any action on the purchase of club apparel is tabled until the next BOD meeting, thus allowing David, N1ESK, and Mark, KB1HCG, to coordinate all their documentation.
- NEARfest: This new hamfest replacing will take place on May 4-5 at the Deerfield, NH fairgrounds. See the last page for a list of those attending and for which days. Our new club canopy will be set up with the banner flying proudly. If you'll be attending and your name is not on the list please contact Darrel, K1KU ([k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net)) and I'll do my best to set up some car pooling.

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John also showed and reviewed many Ham related web sites as follows: Surf and enjoy!

West River Radio Club - <http://www.westriverradio.net/>

CutePDF Writer (Free! Write PDF's w/out the cost) - <http://www.cutepdf.com/>

QRZ Call Sign Database - <http://www.qrz.com/>

FCC ULS System - <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

VanityHQ – Research call signs easily - <http://www.vanityhq.com/>

Carl's Electronics (Kits) - <http://www.electronickits.com/>

Internet Archive (Find the old stuff you loved) - <http://www.archive.org>

Electronics Tutorial - <http://www.electronics-tutorials.com/>

Ham Radio Resources - <http://www.n0hr.com/>

At this point in the meeting Darrel, K1KU, presented a PowerPoint presentation on antennas. The material was designed for those working to get the General class license.

Following this the attendees broke into three groups to see live demos by Sean, KD6MPY, Jack, N1HOS and Darrel, K1KU, on using the ubiquitous ICOM 706. This popular rig is the one used in all state hospitals for RACES drills.

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- **April 18:** RACES Drill. DON'T FORGET THOSE ID BADGES, or what you'll need in the way of antennas and note taking material.
- **April 28:** BOD meeting at the Brattleboro House of Pizza. 11:30AM
- **May 12:** March of Dimes walk
- **May 19:** Girls on the Run Run? Walk? I couldn't attend the first event last year so I can't speak as to their speed. Contact both John, N1TOX ([n1tox@comcast.net](mailto:n1tox@comcast.net)) and David, N1ESK ([n1esk@sover.net](mailto:n1esk@sover.net)) if you can help out here. 12 people are needed.
- **May 26:** This should be the date of our next BOD meeting, but tis also Memorial Day weekend. Stay tuned for the new date/time.
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## **NEARFEST ATTENDEES May 4-5, 2007 Deerfield NH fairgrounds**

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K1KU	driving	both days
W2NH	driving (if he has to)	both days
KD6MPY	driving	Friday only
KB1J	driving?	Saturday only
WB1CZA	driving	Maybe both days
K1EGL	driving	???
N1HOS	driving?	Friday only

**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**18 May, 2007**

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The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on May 8, 2007 in the cafeteria at Grace Cottage Hospital. This particular meeting was devoted entirely to Skywarn training. The training was conducted by Hugh Johnson, a meteorologist at the NWS in Albany, NY. Our thanks to Mr. Johnson for his long drive and educational presentation.

We also extend our thanks to KA1ZQX, Tim, for setting up the session.

Present were:

N1TOX, John - President	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed	W2NH, Gordon
KA1ZQX, Tim	N1PBX, Conrad	KB1J, Richard	K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas
W1ECO, Paul	K1EGL, Chuck	WB1CZA, Wil	N1HOS, Jack
KB1NWT, John	W1WOL, Bill		

Eight guests were also present for the presentation.

The training was over at 21:05 L.

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### 12 June, 2007

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The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on June 12, 2007 in the EMT Training Room at Grace Cottage Hospital. We had a great turn-out with 20 members and one guest (and hopeful new member) attending.

Present were:

N1TOX, John - President	KD6MPY, Sean – VP	KA1ZQX, Tim – PR	KB1LQB, Chas
KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed	W2NH, Gordon	N1ESK, David
KB1NXN, Emily	N1PBX, Conrad	KB1J, Richard	W1ECO, Paul
K1EGL, Chuck	KB1OQG, Gaila	N1HOS, Jack	KB1NWT, John
W1WOL, Bill	KA1TWV, Elaine	W1ZS, Burt	N1JSG, Richard

Guest – Robert Mather, N1XSS

Prior to our regular meeting, there was a planning meeting which started at 1830 (L) at the house of Ed, KB1KSR, where we will be holding our Field Day event. Upon walking the grounds, we identified 4 working locations and located the trees and ground space for our stations. We will be running a 3A event. These are identified as CW, Phone, Digital and Satellite. We then moved the meeting to GCH for our presentations at 1856 (L)

Our regular meeting then commenced at 1910 (L) opening with a welcome to the newest member Gaila, KB1OQG and guest Robert Mather, N1XSS. We hope to see them at many more meetings!

The Secretary / Treasurer report was presented via Darrel's notes from the records of the last BOD meeting as nothing has changed in the checking account over the last 2 weeks. A kind request to our members went out to submit a cartoon, write an article, or even send in some cool pictures for the *Digital Dispatch*. We are always looking for something to put in our great publication.

The Vice Presidents report by Sean detailed our new class line-ups. A Technician License Class for kids, a 3 day Technician Crash Course for Adults and the ever popular General Class. We will be arranging a class schedule which will begin in the fall. As always, we look for your assistance in finding folks who would like to join us, upgrade his / her license, or even obtain his / her first license.

The Public Relation / ARES report by Tim gave us an update on the media campaign for Field Day. Thanks went out to Mark, KB1HCG, for The Strolling of the Heifers event where 6 WRRC members participated in this event. The Girls on the Run event was handled by John, N1TOX with 12 members as radio operators and Emily, KB1NXN, was one of the runners. 14 Vernon Scouts had a demonstration of radio operations by Darrel, K1KU, John, N1TOX and Grant, AA1T. We also had remote help by Mark, KB1HCG and Gordon, W2NH by talking to the scouts on the air.

Important Dates to remember

- June 23 / 24 – FIELD DAY 2007!!
  - Organization committee (K1KU)
  - Food (N1TOX)
  - Host (KB1KSR)
- RACES - Entergy VY / FEMA Drills
  - August 8<sup>th</sup>, September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>
- July 10 – Next Meeting PL/CTCSS tones by Gordon W2NH and Fair Day preparations.

What topics would you like to have presentations on next year? Please let a member of the BOD know so we can line it up for you. These meetings topics of interest are scheduled to keep you coming back to learn more. Let us know or maybe you would be willing to do a presentation. It does not have to be long at all. Maybe it could be about your new rig, an antenna, or whatever.

**FIELD DAY REMINDER!! June 23 and 24, 2007**

Come operate and chat. Bring a junior operator or a friend with you. We are defiantly looking for operators! Come and enjoy the fun.

Pot Luck Supper and a lot of fun!! **Please fill out the WRRC Field Day Dinner Questionnaire sent to all members via Email, to John, N1TOX. If you do not have this email, contact N1TOX for a resend.**

RACES News – John, N1TOX has accepted the position of Vermont State RACES Coordinator. David Cain, W1DEC will be leaving this post soon and John will soon assume this roll. Assisting John in the Waterbury area will be Arnie Ziegler, W2HDI. We also have a new EOC in our list of covered areas. It is the Brattleboro EOC located in the Municipal Building in Brattleboro.

Sean provided us with a great presentation on RFI / TVI and how to combat the problems. Many slides of information, handouts and multi media of noise clips were presented.

Mark, KB1HCG suggested that we move the net to get more participation as the numbers have been minimal. We agreed to have the net this Thursday and we will then move the net to Monday evenings at 1930 (L) on the 147.015 Marlboro repeater which has a positive offset and 100 Hz tone.

The meeting was concluded at 21:08 L.

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Respectfully submitted,

John Borichevsky – N1TOX  
President – West River Radio Club

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W2NH, Gordon	KA1ZQX, Tim	N1PBX, Conrad	KB1J, Richard
K1KU, Darrel-Sec/Treas	W1ZS, Burt	K1EGL, Chuck	WB1CZA, Wil
N1HOS, Jack	KB1LQB, Chas	KA1TWV, Elaine	N1HXC, Scotty
KB1OVK, Mike			

John, N1TOX, via a PPT slide show, brought the following matters before the members for discussion.

- VP report: There was no new information to report on
- Secretary/Treasurer's report: Financially were hanging in there with \$1,454.75 in checking and \$17.63 in petty cash.
- PR report: Tim, KA1ZQX, reported on the implications of W4YFJ, Bob Brown's resignation as Vermont SEC
- RACES: John, N1TOX – Vermont RACES Coordinator, reminded all of upcoming drills on August 8, September 27, and October 17. The latter drill will be evaluated by FEMA
- John, N1TOX, also reported on other upcoming events. See below.
- Field Day report: Darrel, K1KU, presented a short PowerPoint show on the 2007 event. Big advancements were made in all areas – Number of contacts, number of guests, number of youths present and participating, and our first satellite station
- John, N1TOX, presented awards to eligible FD participants who were present:

#### Assisting with the set up and/or tear down chores (Water bottles) –

WB1CZA, Wil	KB1OQG, Gaila	KB1OQH, Paul	N1TOX, John
KB1KSR, Ed	KD6MPY, Sean	KB1NWU, Nathan	KB1NXN, Emily
N1ESK, David	KA1ZQX, Tim	K1KU, Darrel	W1ZS, Burt
KB1NJA, Walter	KB1J, Rich		

#### Operators (FD Pins)

N1TOX, John	KD6MPY, Sean	W1ZS, Burt	K1KU, Darrel
KA1ZQX, Tim	N1ESK, David	KB1NXN, Emily	KB1NWU, Nathan
KB1OQH, Paul	PJ Blais	Meagan Blais	

Special surprise gifts of club shirts were also given to the following:

KD6MY, Sean	Most SSB QSOs
W1ZS, Burt	Most CW QSOs
KA1ZQX, Tim	Making this our first truly 24 hour operation by doing the red eye shift all night.

Speaking of club apparel, an order form is on the web site ([www.westriverradio.net](http://www.westriverradio.net)) Print that out, fill it out legibly and mail it to yours truly with a check for the appropriate amount made out to WRRC. I'll get your order made muy pronto.

Darrel Daley  
POB 445  
Putney, VT 05346

- 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](mailto:n1tox@comcast.net) - [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net) – [k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net) – [ka1zqx@netzero.net](mailto:ka1zqx@netzero.net)

At this point Gordon, W2NH, gave a very educational talk via PowerPoint on the assorted tones used to reduce interference on repeaters – CTCSS, DTMF, etc. He also treated us to a little history on early mobile phones and how this technology developed. The information he provided made us more aware of all that is going on behind the scenes whenever we key up our VHF/UHF rigs. Thanks, Gordon.

Mark your calendar (Also check our web site at [www.westriverradio.net](http://www.westriverradio.net))

- **Ongoing:** WRRC 2 meter net on 147.015 (PL=100) every Monday evening. The festivities commence at 19:30L
- **July 28:** The Board of Directors will meet at Brattleboro House of Pizza by Staples. The meeting officially begins at 11:30L. All members/guests are welcome.
- **August 4:** Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day on the common in Townshend, VT. This will be our fourth year of setting up a special event station and displays on Ham Radio for the attendees.
- **August 14:** Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRC in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting begins at 19:00L or darned close to it.
- **Ongoing - GET RICH!** Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2007 and get your membership in 2008 for ½ off the regular selling price.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:33:20L. (OK, I admit to guessing.)

And that's how I heard it. Please advise me of any sins of commission or omission.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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I respectfully urge you to take advantage of this procedure.

Thanks and 73,  
Darrel – K1KU

# MINUTES

## West River Radio Club

### 14 August, 2007

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The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on August 14, 2007 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:06L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

N1TOX, John - President	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed	W2NH, Gordon
KA1ZQX, Tim - PR/ARES	N1PBX, Conrad	K1KU, Darrel - Sec/Treas	N1HOS, Jack
KB1LQB, Chas	KA1TWV, Elaine	KB1OVK, Mike	KB1OQH, Paul
PJ Blais	N1JSG, Richard		

John, N1TOX, brought the following matters before the members for discussion.

- KB1KSR, Ed had met the owners of the repeater site on Newfane Hill and they desire to talk to the club. Discussion ensued.
- KB1HCG, Mark, suggested that the club provide funds for feeding volunteer workers on trips to Newfane Hill. Tabled until the next BOD meeting.
- W2NH, Gordon, showed a dismantled 440 antenna and gave a short explanation on Collinear antennas.
- KB1HCG, Mark, and W2NH, Gordon, reported on their Sunday visit in Athens to explore another possible repeater site.
- K1KU, Darrel, presented a First Contact certificate to Paul, KB1OQH, one of our newer Generals, for his first HF contact during the recent IARU contest. Keep it up, Paul.
- N1TOX, John, reported on the latest RACES drill and plans for improving the next one on September 27. Many chipped in with their comments on the drill.
- VP report: A Technician and General class are in the offing, probably for the fall. Stay tuned.
- Secretary/Treasurer report: \$1346.80 in checking/\$17.63 in petty cash = \$1364.43 total monies on hand. A warm welcome was extended to our newest member, W1JO, Richard from Salem, CT. Richard has a place in Wilmington and stopped by the WRRC booth during Gracie Days. Thanks for your support of the club, Richard, and we hope to see you at some future event.
- PR report: Repeated efforts are being made to get our name out there in print and radio.
- ARES report: We have some new members in ARES who will be receiving their cards shortly.
- RACES: During the August 8 drill there were:
  - 18 members present            10 Locations deployed to
  - 17 messages passed plus 2 for health care
- Digital Digest – We need you!! We need articles to be written. Astronomy schedules, car repair, electrical tips, EOC survival equipment, Radio reviews, your ham shack, or whatever. How about a link of interest? It's easy to start. Google search to get ideas then plop them into an email to Darrel, K1KU (k1ku@arrl.net). You too can be published. Thanks to Chas, KB1LQB, who with a minimum of arm twisting and cajoling, has volunteered to do a monthly blurb on PCs.
- Meeting Topics ideas? – Please forward any ideas onto any BOD member. We need to make the '08 calendar soon.
- Guilford Fair – Guilford Old Home Day Celebration – Monday September 3 – This is a fair that was cancelled and was recently brought back to life by a volunteer effort. We are looking for people to park cars (a task usually handled by the Guilford Central School 8<sup>th</sup> Graders) and to walk the grounds for Health and Welfare Checks. We need volunteers! Signup with John Borichevsky – N1TOX A.S.A.P ([n1tox@comcast.net](mailto:n1tox@comcast.net)) John will have more info after Thursday. Gates open at 8 AM to ~ 6 PM. Sorry for the late notice, but this is an event that has recently come back to life.

**Guilford Old Home Day UPDATE** (8/16/07) We are asked to have a couple members at the grounds at 7:30 AM, more will be needed for the morning. We have a couple now that can do mornings only, anyone available for a time during the afternoon? Maybe a couple of hours to cover lunch shifts? We are being published as a volunteer group. *FREE Passes!!*

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At this point John, N1TOX, present a PowerPoint presentation on the RACES program – purpose, history, distinctions between ARES and RACES, and how we “fit in” to with the EmComm scenario. It was a good show and allowed John to practice up for the numerous statewide trips he’ll soon be making as the new VEM RACES Program Coordinator.

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- **Ongoing:** WRRRC 2 meter net on 147.015 (PL=100) every Monday evening. The festivities commence at 19:30L
- **August 25:** Luncheon meeting at the PanAsian Restaurant in Brattleboro by Staples. The meeting starts at 11:30L
- **September 3:** Guilford Old Home Day Fair. The gates are open from 08:00 to 18:00L
- **September 11:** Regular scheduled meeting of the WRRRC. 19:00L in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital.
- **September 27:** RACES drill – The final “prep” drill before the BIG on October
- **October 17:** RACES VY/Health Care drill (FEMA/NRC required)
- **November 3:** Annual VEM RACES meeting – Location yet to be decided. We’re looking for a large place capable of seating 125 people and centrally located.
- **Ongoing - GET RICH!** Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2007 and get your membership in 2008 for ½ off the regular selling price.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:53:20L. (OK, I admit to guessing, but I’m close.)

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Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRRC

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Thanks and 73,  
Darrel – K1KU



# MINUTES

## West River Radio Club

### 11 September, 2007

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The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on September 11, 2007 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:00L (plus a few seconds) by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

N1TOX, John - President	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed	W2NH, Gordon
KA1ZQX, Tim – PR/ARES	N1PBX, Conrad	K1KU, Darrel - Sec/Treas	N1HOS, Jack
KB1LQB, Chas	N1EQP, Steve	KB1OVK, Mike	N1JSG, Richard
KD6MPY, Sean - VP	KB1J, Rich	K1EGL, Chuck	Chuck Underhill
WB1CZA, Wil	W1ECO, Paul	KA1ZQX, Tim	W1WOL, Bill

(Is this a record? Whatever, we're outgrowing that room. Thanks to all who showed up.)

John, N1TOX, brought the following matters before the members for discussion.

- VP report: Sean, KD6MPY informed all that he and the instructors are working on setting up Tech and General classes for the fall. Stay tuned. If you know someone who wants to join this great hobby or are inclined to upgrade give Sean a shout at [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net). Our next VE Exam will be held at 10:00 AM on 29-Sep-2007 at Rescue, Inc.
- Secretary/Treasurer: Darrel, K1KU reported that we currently have \$1,346.80 in checking and \$17.63 in petty cash. Total money on hand is \$1,364.43. He also announced and welcomed two new members – W1JO, Richard, in Salem, CT and joining this evening was N1EQP, Steve, from Williston, VT. A warm welcome to these two latest members.
- ARES report: Tim, KA1ZQX presented a new member card to Chuck, K1EGL. He also spoke about the Home Improvement “near” call up.
- N1TOX, John, all RACES folks of the next drill on September 27. Only EOCs (no health care facilities) will be involved. RACES members will meet at the usual place and time.
- N1TOX, John, also reported on the member assistance at the recent Guilford Old Home Day event. Eleven people took part and approximately 1,100 to 1,200 cars were successfully parked.
- Our President continued by reporting on the disappointment felt when we were not able to assist with the request for help with the ABC network filming of Extreme Makeover – Home Edition in Athens, VT. Because of the commercial nature of the event Part 97 prohibited our helping out.
- Digital Digest – John, N1TOX, again expressed the need for material for our very own Digital Digest. We encourage your contributions - Astronomy schedules, car repair, electrical tips, EOC survival equipment, Radio reviews, your ham shack, or whatever. How about a link of interest? It's easy to start. Google search to get ideas then plop them into an email to Darrel, K1KU ([k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net))
- . You too can be published. Thanks to Chas, KB1LQB, who with a minimum of arm twisting and cajoling, has volunteered to do a monthly blurb on PCs.
- Wil, WB1CZA, spoke to his continuing efforts at securing a repeater site on Stratton Mountain. He has found a different contact to work with. He also asked about a request for parking/communications help at a fair to be held in Peru, VT. Discussion followed on what county Peru is in. John, N1TOX, will get some contact numbers that Wil, WB1CZA, can pass along to the parties involved.
- Thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities are always requested. Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: [n1tox@comcast.net](mailto:n1tox@comcast.net) - [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net) – [k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net) – [ka1zqx@netzero.net](mailto:ka1zqx@netzero.net)

At this point Sean, KD6MPY, presented a very good first aid review via PowerPoint. We all left with numerous DOs and DON'Ts to take into consideration.

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- **Ongoing:** WRRRC 2 meter net on 147.015 (PL=100) every Monday evening. The festivities commence at 19:30L
- **September 27:** RACES drill – The final “prep” drill before the BIG on October
- **September 29:** BOD luncheon meeting at Brattleboro House of Pizza – 11:30L
- **October 9:** Next regular meeting of the WRRRC in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital – 19:00L
- **October 11 – 12:** NEARFest in Deerfield, NH. <http://www.near-fest.com/>
- **October 17:** RACES VY/Health Care drill (FEMA/NRC required)
- **November 3:** Annual VEM RACES meeting at the VA in White River, VT – Meeting topics and lunch menu to be announced.
- **Ongoing - GET RICH!** Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2007 and get your membership in 2008 for ½ off the regular selling price.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:40:20L, give or take a half our or so on either side.

And that's how I heard it. Please advise me of any sins of commission or omission.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRRC

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Thanks and 73,  
Darrel – K1KU

# MINUTES

## West River Radio Club

### 9 October, 2007

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The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on October 9, 2007 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:00L by Vice President Sean Sanderson, KD6MPY.

Present were:

KD6MPY, Sean – VP	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed	W2NH, Gordon
N1ESK, David	KA1ZQX, Tim/PR/ARES		N1PBX, Conrad
K1KU, Darrel - Sec/Treas	N1HOS, Jack	KB1JNS, Paul	Patrick
KB1OVK, Mike	KA1CYZ, Jenifer	KB1NWT, John	KB1J, Rich
W1ECO, Paul			

Sean, KD6MPY, brought the following matters before the members for discussion.

- VP report: Sean, KD6MPY informed all that there will be a Technician class on October ?? I thought Oct 20-21 and text the next Sat, but what is it??
- Secretary/Treasurer: Darrel, K1KU reported that we currently have \$1,370.00 in checking and \$12.43 in petty cash. Total money on hand is \$1,383.23. We also welcomed two guests for the evening – KB1JNS, Paul, and Patrick.
- ARES report: Tim, KA1ZQX informed the gathering that though the “official” SET exercise date has passed, New England ARES runs their exercise later, probably in November. Stay tuned.
- KB1HCG, Mark spoke of his desire to communicate with the owners of land where the Newfane Hill tower sits.
- W2NH, Gordon informed all of the stats on the new Grafton machine – 441.700 with a PL of 110.9. This repeater links to the Newfane 147.090 machine. This site has emergency power in the form of solar panels and a large battery system.
- Thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities are always requested. Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: [n1tox@comcast.net](mailto:n1tox@comcast.net) - [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net) – [k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net) – [ka1zqx@netzero.net](mailto:ka1zqx@netzero.net)

At this point David, N1ESK, presented a very good overview on dosimetry via PowerPoint. We also learned more about the VY plant layout and communications methods.

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- **Ongoing:** WRRC 2 meter net on 147.015 (PL=100) every Monday evening. The festivities commence at 19:30L
- **October 17:** RACES drill – FEMA adjudicated
- **October 27:** BOD luncheon meeting at PanAsian Restaurant by Staples in Brattleboro – 11:30L
- **November 3:** RACES all day convention at the VA hospital in White River Junction
- **November 13:** Next regular meeting of the WRRC in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital – 19:00L
- **Ongoing - GET RICH!** Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2007 and get your membership in 2008 for ½ off the regular selling price.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:3L.

And that’s how I heard it. Please advise me of any sins of commission or omission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer: WRRRC

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Thanks and 73,  
Darrel Daley – K1KU  
POB 445  
Putney, VT 05346

# MINUTES

## West River Radio Club

### 13 November, 2007

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The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on November, 2007 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 - Pres	KD6MPY, Sean – VP	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed
W2NH, Gordon	WB1CZA, Wil	KB1LQB, Chas	KA1ZQX, Tim/PR/ARES
N1PBX, Conrad	K1KU, Darrel - Sec/Treas	KB1J, Rich	KA1TWV, Elaine
W1ECO, Paul	N1EQP, Steve	K1EGL, Chuck	

John, N1TOX, brought the following matters before the members for discussion.

- VP report: Sean, KD6MPY informed all that at this point no Tech class is planned. If you know of any potential Hams out there give Sean a shout at [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net). We're especially looking for youngsters, but will run a course for any age group.
- Secretary/Treasurer: Darrel, K1KU reported that we currently have \$1,364.80 in checking and \$24.43 in petty cash. Total money on hand is \$1,389.23. The first dues payment (from Sean) was received last night. You could be #2. Just mail your \$10 check, made out to WRRC, to:  
Darrel Daley  
POB 445  
Putney, VT 05346  
Or save 41 cents and give me the check at the annual meeting on December 8

Speaking of membership, we currently have 47 full members, 6 associate members. 55.322% of our full membership belongs to the League.

At this time Darrel, K1KU, and Mark, KB1HCG, presented a certificate and board mounted with a PL-259 in various stages of assembly to N1TOX, John – this all due to a faulty pig tail assembly at the Guilford EOC. A good laugh (I hope) was had by one and all.

- ARES report: Tim, KA1ZQX informed the gathering that a SET drill will take place on Saturday, November 17. There will be a local net beginning at 08:30 on 147.015+ with a PL of 100 Hz. The drill will last approximately four hours. We will have a HF liaison to participants further north.  
Tim, KA1ZQX, and Elaine, KA1TWV, are working with the hospital staff on emergency preparedness there – emergency power considerations, routing data lines, etc.
- Tim, KA1ZQX, also spoke to the annual meeting that will be held on December 8 in our meeting room. The affair starts at noon and will begin with an eyeball session and mini ham fest. There will then be a pot luck followed by a short business meeting to elect officers for 2008. If you'll be attending please let KA1CYZ, Jenifer Ambler, know how many will be coming and what you'll be bringing as food to share. [amblerj@sover.net](mailto:amblerj@sover.net) or 802-254-9181
- John, N1TOX, hashed over the recent RACES conference at the VA Hospital in White River Junction. A location for the 2008 gathering is already under consideration.
- W2NH, Gordon, and Mark, KB1HCG, spoke to the need of more work on Newfane Hill and negotiations with the owners of the land.
- Thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities are always requested. Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: [n1tox@comcast.net](mailto:n1tox@comcast.net) - [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net) – [k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net) – [ka1zqx@netzero.net](mailto:ka1zqx@netzero.net)

John, N1TOX, and Chas, KB1LQB, gave an enthralling presentation using their laptops on various methods of keeping your PC humming along. Suggestions and advice were offered on backing up your system and data, as well as defragging your hard drives and cleaning the junk off of same. Our thanks to the WRRRC resident Geek duo.

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- **Ongoing:** WRRRC 2 meter net on 147.015 (PL=100) every Monday evening. The festivities commence at 19:30L
- **December 8:** Starts at noon in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital. PLEASE let Jenifer, KA1CYZ, know of your intent to be there. See her email and phone number above.
- **January 4-6:** RTTY Roundup. Now's the time for all you digital enthusiasts to polish up those green keys and contact fellow aficionados around the world. Go to <http://www.arri.org/contests/rules/2006/rtty.html> for the rules.
- **January 8:** W1AAT, Allen Tinker, will be present to speak on his role as ARRL Club Coordinator for the State of Vermont.
- **January 26:** Regular monthly luncheon meeting at the Brattleboro House of Pizza by Staples. Things start up at 11:30L
- **Dues:** See the information below re dues payments and deadlines.
- **Ongoing - GET RICH!** Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2007 and get your membership in 2008 for ½ off the regular selling price.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:30L.

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Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRRC

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### IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN

Here's a friendly reminder concerning dues and by-law deadlines:

- ◆ Dues for the following year are to be paid by January 1 of each year. Many members pay me at the annual meeting (December 8). I prefer a check, but will gladly accept cash.
  - If you can't attend this important meeting a check for \$10 made out to WRRRC can be mailed to me at:  
Darrel Daley  
POB 445  
Putney, VT 05346
- ◆ If dues are not received by the Treasurer by January 31 of 2008 your name is to be removed from the roster.

Your Board of Directors has directed me to notify any member who has not renewed their membership by January 15 of 2008

If no dues are received by February 1, 2008 you will also be notified of your name's removal from the roster.

You can make my life easier by paying up early on so that I won't have to perform these unwanted chores.

You can also make the club richer by paying another \$5 to enroll a family member as an "Associate" member without voting rights.

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**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**08 December, 2007**

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The WRRC held its 3rd annual meeting on December 8, 2007 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 12:18L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX for the purpose of announcing that it was chow time.

The attending members and guests did duly follow orders and partake of excellent offerings to fortify their bodies for the short business meeting to follow. Our sincere thanks go out to all who provided the food and beverages. Another special thank you also goes out to Jenifer, KA1CYZ for heading up the food end of things this year. From the loaded tables and variety of superb offerings it would appear that she did a bang up job.

Present were:

N1TOX, John - Pres	KB1HCG, Mark	W2NH, Gordon	WB1CZA, Wil
KB1LQB, Chas	KA1ZQX, Tim/PR-ARES	N1PBX, Conrad	K1KU, Darrel - Sec/Treas
KB1J, Rich	KA1TWV, Elaine	N1HXC, Scotty	KA1CYZ, Jenifer
N1HOS, Jack	Marion Daley	Carole Kruse	KB1PMW, Chuck
KB1OQG, Gaila	Liz Bell	Abi Bell	Kate Maisner
Danielle Kracum			

At 13:03L John, N1TOX, brought the following matters before the members for discussion and/or voting.

- VP report: Sean, KD6MPY Due to training commitments Sean was unable to be with us today.
- Secretary/Treasurer: Darrel, K1KU reported that we currently have \$1,374.80 in checking and \$24.75 in petty cash. Total money on hand is \$1,397.55. Dues are due by December 31. Thanks to all those who paid up today and extra thanks to those who tossed a few extra bucks into the mix. If you were unable to be with us today you can mail your \$10 check, made out to WRRC, to:  
Darrel Daley  
POB 445  
Putney, VT 05346

Remember, an extra \$5 buys an auxiliary membership for a non Ham family member. Speaking of membership, we currently have 47 full members, 6 associate members. 55.322% of our full membership belongs to the League.

- ARES report: Tim, KA1ZQX spoke to the progress made in 2007 and bright prospects for 2008.
- PR report – Tim, KA1ZQX, relayed the fact that we are becoming more well known in Windham County due to our presence at so many public service events, Field Day, Grace Cottage Hospital Day, etc. We hope to create even more public awareness in 2008. Please forward publicity ideas on to Tim at [ka1zqx@verizon.net](mailto:ka1zqx@verizon.net)
- KB1HCG, Mark gave a plug for the ongoing Monday evening 2 meter net held at 19:00L on 147.015 with a PL of 100 Hz. His continued efforts as NCS are greatly appreciated.
- John, N1TOX, this time with his RACES hat on, mentioned the great progress made by this EmComm organization, especially in Southern Vermont. As the new RACES coordinator for the state John has gotten off on a good start towards making our RACES team even more capable.
- W2NH, Gordon, and Mark, KB1HCG, spoke to their continued efforts at accomplishing improvements on Newfane Hill.



- John, N1TOX, gave a short history of our group and generously passed around thanks to all those who, over the years, have worked at making the WRRRC such a viable club. Tim, KA1ZQX, and Richard, N1JSG, are to be especially honored for getting the formation of a club off the ground in 2003.
- KB1PMW, Chuck brought up the club VE program. He feels that it needs to be ramped up for more scheduled educational time for current and new hams to get their licenses. Jack, N1HOS, suggested that there be dates set annually for quarterly VE sessions.
- Thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities are always requested. Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: [n1tox@comcast.net](mailto:n1tox@comcast.net) – [chas.baker@gmail.com](mailto:chas.baker@gmail.com) [k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net) – [ka1zqx@verizon.net](mailto:ka1zqx@verizon.net)

At this point John, N1TOX, brought the matter of by-law changes before the body. Chas has done a yeoman job of arranging for our application for 501 (c) (3) tax free status. At this point he explained the necessity for the alterations. The by-laws need to reflect certain aspects of our purpose as a group with respect to public service and a method of dissolution.

After much civil discourse it was voted to change the by-laws as per the amended copy you received. Also added was a change to **Minutes:** Article IV, namely...”A minimum of *one third* of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business” was changed to “A minimum of *one fourth* of the membership, etc.” A copy of the amended by-laws will shortly be emailed to one and all.

It was moved, seconded and voted to amend the minutes as so noted.

The election of officers for 2008 was then taken up. Mark, KB1HCG, proposed the following slate of officers for 2008:

- ◆ N1TOX, John Borichevsky – President
- ◆ KB1LQB, Chas Baker – VP
- ◆ K1KU, Darrel Daley – Secretary/Treasurer

It was moved, seconded and voted to accept this slate.

A warm welcome to Chas, KB1LQB, in his new role as VP.

Our thanks go out to Sean, KD6MPY for his past service as VP. He will remain on the Board of Directors as our Education Coordinator and VE liaison with the League.

The full compliment of BOD members is as follows:

- ◆ N1TOX, John Borichevsky – President
- ◆ KB1LQB, Chas Baker – VP
- ◆ K1KU, Darrel Daley – Secretary/Treasurer
- ◆ KA1ZQX, Tim Bell – PR/ARES
- ◆ KD6MPY, Sean Sanderson – Educational Director/VE League Liaison

Mark your calendar (Also check our web site at [www.westriverradio.net](http://www.westriverradio.net))

- **Ongoing:** WRRRC 2 meter net on 147.015 (PL=100) every Monday evening. The festivities commence at 19:30L
- **Ongoing:** Vermont Emergency Phone Net on 3.976 MHz every Sunday at 08:00L

- **January 8:** Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRRC at 19:00L in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. WIAAT, Allen Tinker, will be present to explain his job as ARRL club coordinator for the state of Vermont.
- **January 4-6:** RTTY Roundup. Now's the time for all you digital enthusiasts to polish up those green keys and contact fellow aficionados around the world. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/rty.html> for the rules.
- **January 26:** Regular monthly luncheon meeting at the Brattleboro House of Pizza by Staples. Things start up at 11:30L
- **Dues:** See the information below re dues payments and deadlines.
- **Ongoing - GET RICH!** Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2007 and get your membership in 2008 for ½ off the regular selling price.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:09L. My thanks to Elaine, KA1TWV, for an occasional jab to keep me alert and keeping my sloppy notes in order.

And that's how I heard it. Please advise me of any sins of commission or omission.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRRC

### **IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN**

Here's a friendly reminder concerning dues and by-law deadlines:

- ◆ Dues for the following year are to be paid by January 1 of each year.
  - A check for \$10 made out to WRRRC can be mailed to me at:
    - Darrel Daley
    - POB 445
    - Putney, VT 05346
- ◆ If dues are not received by the Treasurer by January 31 of 2008 your name is to be removed from the roster.

Your Board of Directors has directed me to notify any member who has not renewed their membership by January 15 of 2008

If no dues are received by February 1, 2008 you will also be notified of your name's removal from the roster.

You can make my life easier by paying up early on so that I won't have to perform these unwanted chores.

You can also make the club richer by paying another \$5 to enroll a family member as an "Associate" member without voting rights.

### **HELP MAKE US RICH**

As an ARRL affiliated club we can, with your cooperation, earn money for the WRRRC.

If you are renewing your League membership we get a \$2 kickback.

If you join the League as a new member we get a \$15 kickback.

Here's how it's done – Mail your renewal or new member check to me, **NOT** the ARRL. Make your check out to the WRRRC, **NOT** the League.

I will deposit your check in our WRRRC account and write a check to the League for \$2 or \$15 less than the full amount, depending on whether you are renewing a membership or coming in as a new member. This check, accompanied with the appropriate form to insure that your membership or renewal is properly credited, will be mailed onto the League by me.

I respectfully urge you to take advantage of this procedure.

Thanks and 73,  
Darrel Daley – K1KU  
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