

# Hamgram

Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Jan 2008

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## Holiday Party Notice

The 2008 Holiday Party of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at Timbers Restaurant in Winona. See the full-page flyer in this issue of *Hamgram* for details.

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## Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting of the WARC

(Thursday, December 20, 2007)

Prior to the start of the meeting, Jim (KBØTHN) discussed and demonstrated a computerized battery analyzer followed by Tony (WØIU) who showed club members a 146/440 MHz lightweight portable log periodic antenna.

We then got down to business...

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Jim (KBØTHN) called the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. to order at 2003.

The Minutes of the November 2007 meeting were approved as published in the December 2007 *Hamgram*.

Treasurer, Dick (NØVV) reported that as of November 30:

Bank:	\$ 520.10
Petty Cash:	\$ 33.32
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$553.42</b>

It was determined that there was a quorum of 13 members present at the meeting.

### Old Business

**Ken (NØJP)** reviewed the Holiday party plans, noting that the program will be a travelogue presented by Jodi and Emily Brom.

Ken also stated that prices did not include a 15% gratuity, which will be added to all invoices.

**Tom (WØMK)** announced that the club's official ARRL membership is now at 70.27% and the re-affiliation paperwork has been submitted to the League.

**New Business**

There were single candidates for the following offices:

- President: Lance Tagliapietra (KBØYJU)
- Vice-President: Len Litvan (KCØRSX)
- Secretary: Leslie Hittner (KØBAD)
- Member At large: Terry Petersen (WØEUU)

**Erik (WBØNIU) moved and Ken (NØJP) seconded** that a unanimous ballot be cast for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Member At large. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Two candidates were nominated for Treasurer:

- Dick Kolter (NØVV)
- Jim Jefferson Jarvis (KBØTHN)

A secret ballot was cast and Jim Jefferson Jarvis (KBØTHN) won with 8 votes.

Jim (KBØTHN) noted that he had not yet completed a communications proposal and would do so in a Wiki on-line format for further discussion and modification.

**Erik (WBØNIU) moved and Lance (KBØYJU) seconded** that the club begin to accept PayPal, Visa, and Master Card payments for receipt of dues and other monies owed to the club.

During discussion, members noted that in addition to making the payment of dues easier such a system could be used to encourage on-line giving via the club's WEB site.

The motion passed with a show of hands 7 in favor and 6 opposed.

Because the club has so few incoming transactions (consisting mainly of annual membership dues) The incoming Treasurer, Jim

(KBØTHN) will coordinate this effort and set up the system through his business.

Lance (KBØYJU) will provide snack at the February meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2035.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leslie D. Hittner*

Leslie Hittner, Secretary

Meeting Attendance:

Jim, KBØTHN	Les, KØBAD	Tom, WØMK
Ken, NØJP	Erik, WBØNIU	Delores, NØNUO
Dick, NØVV	Lance, KBØYJU	Len, KCØRSX
Terry, WØEUU	Judd, KCØRFU	Dan, WKØW
Tony, WØIU		

## **Amateur Radio licensing class scheduled**

By Les, KØBAD



Russell Marsolek (NØQK), Sue and Jim Brown (KEØS and NØWE) and Leslie Hittner (KØBAD) are hosting an Amateur Radio Tech Licensing class beginning this Tuesday January 15, 2008 at Bluffview Montessori School. Class sessions will be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The instructional sessions will last 5 weeks and a VE session will be offered in the sixth week.

It appears that there will be 14 or more students in this class including several middle school students.

## **Editorial by Leslie Hittner, KØBAD**

I hinted a few months ago that I found it “strange” that the Winona Amateur radio Club was not sponsoring the classes described above. I don’t understand why this isn’t an automatic function of

the club. It seems we sit in monthly meeting after monthly meeting and gripe and moan about low membership and poor meeting attendance. We struggle to get officers to lead the club. We complain about poor committee participation and an inability to accomplish club infrastructure improvement projects and make excuses for ourselves that we are simply “too busy.”

We have an opportunity to work towards solutions to many of these dilemmas by increasing our membership, yet we fail in the one expected responsibility of a local radio club (especially one that has a 501(c)(3) designation) and that is to recruit and **educate**.

The club seems to be willing to just sit and allow others to sponsor and conduct these classes.

### **What does this mean for the teachers of these classes?**

It means we must finance the cost of the initial order of ARRL License Manuals (over \$200 this year). It means we must pay for the cost of any publicity in the local media (That’s why there is little or none.) It means that as a club, members have no “responsibility” for recruiting students for the class (Which of you actually made an effort to invite someone to this class?) and it’s entirely up to the instructors to find them.

### **What does this mean for the Winona Amateur Radio Club?**

It means that 10 to 15 new licensed Amateur Radio operators will know **nothing** about the club. They will not have made a connection with the club during the classes. They will not have been “invited” to club meetings (The club cannot depend upon or mandate that these independent instructors to do the club’s work.) They will eventually realize that the club is not sponsoring the class and is not supporting the instructors and they will see no value in the club, *even if the instructors tell them about its existence*.

It took us several years to recruit just one member of one of the more recent license classes. That’s too long...and too few.

*Leslie D. Hittner*

# **WARC 2008 HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Please join us on Thursday, January 17,  
2008 at Timbers.**

**The party will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour  
and dinner orders will be taken at 6:30 p.m.**

**The meal choices will be:**

**Broasted Chicken, Ham Steak, or**

**Batterfried Cod @ \$10.99**

**or**

**Tenderloin Tips @ \$11.99**

**Meal includes beverages, except alcohol, salad bar,  
and strawberry shortcake dessert.**

**Other choices are available from the regular menu.  
There is also a kids menu.**

**As in the past we will accept donations for prizes. We  
will also purchase additional prizes with money  
provided by the club.**



**We will not collect money for the  
party in advance. The restaurant  
will pass out individual bills.  
The program will be a travelogue  
presented by Jodi and Emily Brom.  
We will go to Germany and Egypt.**

**There is a \$2.00/head *Santa Fee* to  
defray the cost of prizes.**

# **Sunspot cycle 24 is starting up**

**The sunspots are coming back! Count on it!  
That's one thing that will not change with global  
warming!**

**It's time to begin to plan that super HF station  
with new equipment and new antennas.**

**It's also a time for many to upgrade their  
licenses to General or higher.**

**Don't miss out on an opportunity to take  
advantage of this great world-wide infra-  
structure free communications mode: HF Radio  
Communications.**

**Whether your interests are SSB voice, digital  
voice, CW, low power sophisticated digital  
communications systems, imaging such as slow  
scan TV or PAL, VoIP to RF interfaced  
communications, Internet remote control of RF  
systems, NVIS, HFDF and intruder watch  
activities, contesting, traffic handling, rag  
chewing, or emergency and public service  
communications; it's all possible on HF.**

**Now...if we only had a license  
upgrading class in the Winona  
area...**

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At Large: Ken Spittler (06/30/07 to 12/31/07)  
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Dues: \$25.00 per calendar year per license holder.

\$30.00 per calendar year for all licensed members of the same family within the same household.

Dues should be sent to: Jim Jefferson Jarvis, Treasurer

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