

Hamgram

Newsletter of the Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Nov 2005

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Club meeting to be held at the QTH of Matt Burt, KF0Q

The November meeting of the Winona Amateur Radio Club will be held on the 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of club member Matt Burt (KF0Q), 292 Valley Oaks Drive. Matt will present a program featuring telegraph keys. All club members and radio enthusiasts are welcome.

From the office of the President Emergency Questionnaire

Please be aware that this is voluntary. This in no fashion obligates you or your equipment in case of an actual emergency unless you want to help. All information will be compiled and kept by the club. In case of an actual event, we may use the list to offer our services in a time of need. Please update your information periodically as skill levels change and equipment changes. Please fill out a separate form for each ham in your household. Thank you!!

Name: _____
Call Sign: _____
License Class: _____
Address: _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____
Home: _____ Bus: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

1. Please list any equipment you own or have access to (hardware) and would be willing to operate or loan out in an emergency. How about diagnostic equipment and tools?

2. What special skill sets can you offer?

3. Which operating modes and capabilities do you have? (Enter number of radios in each category.)

HF:
___SSB ___CW ___Digital text ___SSTV
___ Other _____
(Describe)

VHF:
___Handheld ___Mobile ___Base ___Packet
___SSTV ___APRS ___ Other _____
(Describe)

UHF:
___Handheld ___Mobile ___Base ___Packet
___SSTV ___FSTV ___ Other _____
(Describe)

4. Other resources you have available for use: (trailers, vehicles, boats, camping gear, food stocks, generator, station location)
5. What times would it be OK to contact you to see if you are available for an event?
 ___After work ___Weekends ___Mornings ___Afternoons
 ___Evenings ___Nights ___During work for a real emergency
 ___During work for a drill
6. Do you have any certifications or talents that could be useful in an emergency?
7. Would you be willing to let someone else use your equipment?
8. Is there anything else that does not fit into the questions above?
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Minutes WARC Meeting, Oct 20, 2005

The meeting held at our usual spot in the courthouse annex was opened at 7:04 pm by vice president, Shari, WA9IJK. She introduced our speaker, Ken, NØJP, who talked on Operating Methods on the High Frequency Amateur Bands (160 through 10 meters). Because of the skip available on these bands, long-range amateur contacts can oftentimes take place.

Types of operation available on these bands include:

1. Contesting
2. Special Events Stations for working contacts
Examples:
 - A. Route 66
 - B. Minnesota City Days
 - C. Great River Shakespeare Festival
3. Moscow Idaho----Lewis and Clark Event
4. DX---Long distance Contacts
Examples:
 - A. Work All Countries (over 330 possible countries)
 - B. Work All States
5. CQ---chat---rag-chewing
6. Net Operations
Examples:
 - A. National Traffic System
 - B. Maritime
 - C. Local Net as a Meeting Place

Many Activities are available related to high frequency operations including:

1. building projects such as antennas;
2. code classes;
3. MARS---Military Affiliate Radio System (not on amateur frequencies);
4. emergency communications (RACES, ARES);
5. awards;
6. Official Observer;
7. digital applications on HF.

President Darlene, KCØCTH, opened the business meeting at 7:40 pm. She had three guests introduce themselves. Dan, Jason and Tony were visiting our group for the first time. Tom, WØMK, and Walt, KEØXI, had both brought treats for the current meeting. Darlene asked for someone to volunteer for treats for the next meeting. Les, KØBAD, did volunteer for November. Darlene indicated that the next meeting would be at Matt, KFØQ's, house where he will demonstrate his ham shack. Darlene said directions to Matt's house would be printed in the next *Hamgram*.

Treasurer Dick, NØVV, was not present at the meeting so no treasurer's report was available.

Darlene requested approval of the previous meetings minutes as printed in the *Hamgram*. This was carried.

Unfinished Business:

Darlene, KCØCTH, asked how we could best prepare for a disaster. Suggestions have been made that we should compile a list of available equipment as well as time and talent. Included in this should be operating modes.

Darlene's second concern was increasing our membership. Are there any suggestions?

New Business:

Darlene, KCØCTH, requested volunteers for a nominating committee for new officers. Walt, KEØXI, and Clare, KØNY, volunteered.

Darlene, KCØCTH, mentioned planning for the holiday party and asked if Ken, NØJP, would do it again. Ken agreed to do the party planning for January 2006.

Announcements:

Darlene, KCØCTH, congratulated Ken, NØJP, Les, KØBAD, and Tom, WØMK, for having been recognized this year by the ARRL for 40 years of continuous membership.

Duane, W9HWQ, mentioned that the orbiting space station would be doing slow scan television images on the 2-meter amateur band in December.

Clare, KØNY, requested help from members tracking down power line interference at his location in Goodview on 5th Street.

Phil, NØOWU, noted that this coming weekend there would be a CQ Single Sideband Contest.

Darlene, KCØCTH, requested adjournment of the meeting at 8:00 p.m. This carried and we adjourned for fellowship and treats.

Treats for 2005:

Nov: Les, KØBAD

Dec: (Annual Meeting)

Members Present:

Ken	NØJP	Jake	KC9CRM
Tom	WØMK	Darlene	KCØCTH
Jerry	WAØX	Shari	WA9IGK
Walt	KEØXI	Leslie	KØBAD
Clare	KØNY	Gordon	NØTNC
Phil	NØOWU	Duane	W9HWQ
Delores	NØNUO	Bob	NØPDD
Paul	KØZYV	Len	KCØRSX

Guests

Tony Jason Dan Jennifer
Leo

Respectfully submitted,
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Minutes of WARC Board Meeting 11-1-05 held at KCØCTH's house

Present: Darlene, KCØCTH; Tom, WØMK and Shari, WA9IGK.

Call to order by President, Darlene, KCØCTH, at 7:07 pm.

There was no report available from the Treasurer.

Darlene, KCØCTH, said she would publish in the next *Hamgram* the paragraph from the WARC Constitution that defines a quorum for our club. Voting should be done by dues paying members. We will try to publish in the December *Hamgram* a list from the nominating committee of the candidates for each office. Shari, WA9IGK, stated that Clare, KØNY, said there was no report available from the nominating committee at this time. Consideration might be given to a proxy vote printed in the *Hamgram*, but it is questionable whether our by-laws support a vote by proxy.

There was a short discussion of the upcoming Holiday Party. It will likely be very similar to those in the past.

Club dues are collected in December. A reminder about dues will be published in the December *Hamgram*.

A paid membership list will be obtained from Dick, NØVV, so that we can have an accurate number for calculating a quorum. Shari, W9IGK, will check to see if any ARRL stipulations supersede how our election is to be held.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Matt, KFØQ.

Darlene, KCØCTH, will publish a questionnaire in hopes of obtaining a list of equipment available from members for use in an emergency. This list will also include membership emergency volunteers that would be available and any special talents that these volunteers might have to offer.

The meeting closed at 7:57 pm.

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FOR SALE

RADIALL/LARSEN Model KG-144-UD-PL, 2m-Glass Mount Mobile Antenna..Brand new (never used) replacement whip. Asking \$50 OBO. See Jerry, WAØX, or phone 454-8395.

For Sale:

(1) Sommer T-25 HF Vertical Antenna Terminated Frequency-Independent Vertical usable on 80-40-30-20-17-15-12-10 m (modify for 160 possible)

More info at:

<http://www.sommerantennas.com/tcs25.html>

used very little and stored \$75.

(2) Mosely JR Tribander (20/15/10m)
Pretty good shape - haul it and it's yours

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Test Your Amateur Radio Knowledge

By Len Litvan, KCØRSX

The following are from the FCC exam pool—Technician, General and Amateur Extra.

#1 - Which region of the ionosphere is mainly responsible for long-distance sky-wave radio communications?

- A. D region
- B. E region
- C. F1 region
- D. F2 region

#2 – What are the requirements for administering a Technician Class operator examination?

- A. Three VEC-accredited General Class or higher VEs must be present

- B. Two VEC-accredited General Class or higher VEs must be present
- C. Two General Class or higher VEs must be present, but only one need be VEC accredited
- D. Any two General Class or higher VEs must be present

#3 - What system matches an unbalanced feed line to an antenna by feeding the driven element both at the center of the element and at a fraction of a wavelength to one side of center?

- A. The gamma matching system
- B. The delta matching system
- C. The omega matching system
- D. The stub matching system

Answers to Exam Pool Questions:

#1 - (D); #2 - (A); #3 - (A)

Club meeting questions answered

By Les, KØBAD

Some questions arose at the Executive Board meeting regarding quorum and proxy voting. I thought I would check the club constitution (published on the club WEB site) and seek an answer.

A Quorum is 1/3 of the membership. That means no official business may be conducted at a meeting if less than 1/3 of the club members are in attendance. The constitution also says that any modification of the club constitution requires a 2/3 majority vote of club members. Probably for this reason the constitution allows proxy votes for such actions under certain circumstances. The constitution does not allow or disallow proxy votes for other purposes. Since the constitution is silent on the issue of proxy voting, other than for constitutional amendments, I checked with Robert's Rules and while generally discouraging the use of proxy voting in not-for-profit corporations, they do say that if used, proxy voting should be limited to elections of members of the Board of Directors and only members of the club can be authorized to be proxy voters. A proxy is in affect a limited power of attorney. While the authorizer of a proxy may express his/her wishes to the proxy holder, that proxy holder may vote any way he/she sees fit. Proxy voting allows for flexible conditions such as unforeseen

motions but use of proxies can be abused by people wishing to wrest control of an organization from the current leadership.

Robert's Rules of Order is not nearly as restrictive when it comes to **voting by mail**. Voting by mail is different from proxy voting in that the actual ballot is sent out and completed by the registered club member. However, voting by mail is not practical if additional nominations will be sought from the floor at the same meeting where voting takes place.

The relevant parts of the constitution are reprinted below:

ARTICLE IV Meetings

SECTION 1 The By Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At all meetings, one third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

and

ARTICLE VIII Amendments

SECTION 1 This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and may not be voted on until the next regular meeting. Written proxy votes for changes to this Constitution are acceptable when submitted by a member in attendance at the meeting at which the vote is being taken.

SECTION 2 The By Laws to this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority at any regular business meeting.

The *Hamgram* editor will bring a copy of Robert's Rules of Order to the November meeting.

[Frankly, I don't think the use of proxy voting is a good idea. It does not change the quorum requirements. That is, a member holding a proxy does not "count for two." If the issue the Executive Committee is trying to deal with is poor meeting attendance, particularly at the Annual Meeting, allowing proxies for elections at that meeting enables poor attendance. It does not solve it. – editor]

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Board meetings are announced in advance (WEPNet)

Monthly club meetings are held on the third Thursday. The submission deadline for the *Hamgram* is Wednesday of the week *prior* to that of the club meeting.

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