

Hops River Radio Club

October 2025 Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Christian, KD0POO; Mary, WX1W; Lisa, KB1RVU; George, K1YBO; Steve, NK1V; Dave, AC1K; Bob, KC1ACK; Lora, KC1YCM; Karl, N1KJK;

Called to Order: **18:05**

1 Old Business

1. Member Update

- Carroll Bowen showed up to the August meeting and is reading through the tech. manual.

2. Treasury

- It's time for dues! \$20 for the year.
- We have \$436 in the bank account. After insurance, we should have \$236.

3. Nets

- The Wednesday night net has died off for the most part - likely due the summer.

4. Anniversary

- Mary presented the anniversary logo concept developed at the August meeting. Logo needs to be cleaned up into a form that can be embroidered.
- Mary renewed the club's license - good for another 10 years.

5. General

- George presented the idea to develop resources to help disabled people get on the air. He mentioned the Handy Hams out of Minnesota as an example.
- George shared a Ham Radio social breakfast he's organizing at Athenian in Middletown, CT on Oct. 18th.

2 New Business

1. Member Update

- Lora is now an ARRL member! Congrats to her!

2. Treasury

- We have had 9 members renewed dues and paid our annual insurance to ARRL. This leaves us at \$396.

3. Nets

- Mary took over net control for a couple of weeks, but no one checked in. She thinks the lack of traffic was due to people being outside/active during that time. Mary proposed to turn it into a seasonal net.

4. Anniversary

- George tweaked the logo design from Mary and presented them to the club.

5. General

- Handy Hams has been very well received by other clubs. The ARRL does very little to help the disabled with operating, so George has made it his mission to ensure Connecticut hams are aware of the program and how to get involved.
- Traffic Handlers social breakfast at the Athenian in Middletown, CT on Oct. 18th. All are welcome, not just net traffic handlers. Ethel Kramer, KB1NMO, net manager for WestConn net, will be there.
- Lisa's 2m antenna is down and is looking for ideas for a new antenna and grounding.
- Lisa's question: In a simple explanation, what is simplex? It's a set of designated calling frequencies for direct radio-radio communication without the aid of repeaters.
- Mary's question: Should we apply for a LotW certificate for the club call sign, K1HRR? Club's decision was to go ahead with obtaining the certificate.

Meeting end: **19:00**