

Hops River Radio Club

November 2025 Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Christian, KD0POO; Mary, WX1W; Lisa, KB1RVU; Dave, AC1K; Karl, N1KJK; Alex, N1SIX;

Called to Order: **18:08**

1 Old 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.

2 New Business

1. Member Update

- Bill, KC1RUB, has been doing well. Relayed to Alex that he found out WJST-x released a new software and has been operating with it actively.

2. Treasury

- No update from Steve.

3. Nets

- No updates.

4. Anniversary

- Karl has a contact, Leanne Peters, who may be able to convert the club's proposed logo into something that can easily be embroidered. Mary also suggested reaching out to Pat, designed the previous club logo.

5. General

- Antenna build party for Lisa's 2m antenna. An email with details to follow.
- Karl asked about multi-band dipole options and layout suggestions for his property. Suggestions included a G5RV and a G5RV Jr.
- Lisa asked if the club was going to do winter field day.
- Lisa also inquired about a club POTA outing/demo for those who have never participated. Maybe those interested in POTA could tag along with Steve and see how an activation works.
- Karl asked if there is interested in him sourcing steel and welding drive-on antenna mast mounts.

Next Club Meeting is 10 December 2025.

Meeting end: **19:07**