

# WARC Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wantagh Amateur Radio Club, Wantagh, Long Island New York

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**Meeting Notice:** The next monthly meeting of the Wantagh Amateur Radio Club will be held at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Wantagh Public Library.

## WARC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – January 14th, 2005.

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Vic K2IY, President, opened the meeting at 8:05 PM.

### Officers present:

President: Vic K2IY  
Vice- President: Al K2ES  
Secretary: Bill N2RRX  
Directors: Frank N2RSO  
Herman W2TLC  
Jack KI2M

**Treasurer's Report:** There is currently \$249.53 in the treasury.

The Secretary, Bill N2RRX, accepted the minutes as read.

Vic K2IY spoke briefly about the recent executive board meeting.

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### **DX Report:**

A QSO Party was announced for this weekend beginning on Saturday at 1 PM and continuing for 12 Hours.

### **HRU Report:**

It was reported that this year's event was the best ever, as over 475 people attended, and 23 seminars were presented. Riley Hollingsworth, FCC enforcement officer, was the guest speaker.

### **Broadband Over Power Lines (BPL):**

Sid K2LJH reported that there are no new developments to report on the two original Manhattan buildings involved in the test. However, Donald Trump is reportedly planning to place BPL in three of his condominium buildings, but as yet there are no details available.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**The Budget:** As discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting, our 2004 expenses were as follows:

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| Insurance:   | \$325        |
| Field Day:   | 215          |
| Donuts:      | 185          |
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| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$725</b> |
| 2004 Income: |              |

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## *Minutes, Continued*

There were 23 members, each paying yearly dues @ \$20 for a total of \$460. The balance of our expenses was met by the carry over from prior years.

### 2005 Expected Income:

The carry over for 2005 is \$ 67. Since we have not had a fundraising event in the past four years, our reserve funds have diminished to that amount.

### **Options Available to Achieve a Balanced Budget:**

1. Eliminate one or more of the following: Field Day activity, insurance, and/or coffee & donuts.
2. Charge members and guests for coffee & donuts.
3. Keep the Field Day activity but make it self-supporting through donations by participants, except for the cost of the generator & gasoline.
4. Conduct fundraising events such as hamfests or ham radio classes.
5. Raise the dues of current members to \$25 or \$30 per year.
6. Increase the membership by at least five to ten dues-paying members.
7. Sell or raffle club property, such as antennas, masts, etc.

### DISCUSSION:

All 19 members present were involved in the discussion. The final results after much conversation were:

1. Maintain the liability insurance as our club is not incorporated, and ALL members are liable if we are sued.
2. Field Day: Sid K2LJH offered to pay Ralph WP4KO, the balance owed on the generator that Ralph purchased on behalf of the club. The arrangement was that the club would reimburse him at the rate of \$50 per year until the cost was met and the club would own the generator. Due to Sid's offer, the club will now own the generator and Field Day expenses will be limited to the cost of gasoline, and the participants will provide their own food and drink.
3. Donuts & Coffee: Limit the amount to be spent to no more than \$10 for each general meeting. Reinstate the 50/50 and use this money to cover the costs of refreshments. The 50/50 was resumed tonight with \$9 going to the treasury.
4. Dues will remain at \$20 per member for now, but the budget will be reviewed again in June to see how we are managing the expenses incurred up to that month.
5. The executive committee will explore outreach programs suitable for the recruitment of new members. The committee welcomes all club members to attend board meetings and submit ideas for consideration.

Meeting was closed at 9:30 PM for cake and coffee.

Respectfully submitted—  
Bill, N2RRX, Secretary

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The Wantagh Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Friday of each month at the Wantagh Public Library. Directions to the library, along with notices of meeting changes, invited speakers, demonstrations, etc. can be found at the club's website at <http://www.gsl.net/w2va/home.htm>. Visitors, both hams and other persons interested in amateur radio, are invited to attend. Refreshments usually are served after the business meeting and before any presentations from guest speakers.

Frank Porcaro, N2RSO, Editor