

## ***The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ***

### ***Business Meeting Minutes***

April 1, 2009

#### **Call to order**

CARC President **Mike Coley, KE7AZF** called to order the monthly business meeting of the **Casper Amateur Radio Club** at **1930** on **April 1, 2009** in **The Green Room** at the **Natrona County Hall of Justice**.

#### **Attendance Roster**

The following persons were present:

*Note: Asterisk indicates non-member or visitor*

Mike – KE7AZF

Josh – KA7JUN

Tate – KA7O

Warren – KU7D

Jay – W7DRJ

Paul – K7RXC

Steve – WA2SMS

\*Pete – KC7JFT

Lou – KF7BLV

\*Brian – KE6EUI

\*Jim – KB7YP

\*Bob – WT3A

Dave – N0AXE

Mike – KE7WQP

#### **Approval of minutes from last meeting / Treasurer's Report**

Warren, KU7D, read the minutes from the last meeting. Motion to accept as read was made by Tate, KA7O, seconded by Paul, K7RXC. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** CARC Treasurer Tate Belden, KA7O, gave the treasurer's report. Current Balance is \$15,960.76. Deposit \$194.55 (money from VE session). Check to Warren for 26.33 for 501(c)(3) faxes has cleared. Power bill is still paid up. Have received some dues checks, etc. that have not yet been deposited. Discussed that a check will be made for the S-Com (had been approved at earlier meeting). Motion to accept made by Paul seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

## Old Business

**BSA Licensing Class:** Jay was to report on follow-up meeting with council reps.

- Jay will be having a meeting with Bruce Lee at the Roundtable Meeting on April 9 to discuss the merit badge requirements.

**Special Event Station:** Jay was to discuss alternate site since Sheep Mountain is out.

- Alternate site is still in limbo. We will let things develop and see where they go.

**S-Com Repeater Controllers:** Ours is ordered, need to get the other one from Brent so they can be configured. Should be here in 6-8 weeks.

- Tate and Mike, KE7AZF have spoken with Brent, KC0FUP about receiving the controller he is donating to the club. Have also spoken with Dave, K7YE about he and Brent working on them to get them set up.

**Output tone to .235 machine:** Finally done, although it's a 100Hz tone, NOT the 77.0Hz tone as initially discussed.

- Tate discussed touching base with Bresnan about the leaks in their system; engineer got a bit twisted about things. The stone is in the pond, we're going to stand back and watch to see where those ripples go.

**FEMA ICS education modules:** Good job to those have gotten started; those who have not are encouraged to get going on them. Links are on the website.

**Wyoming Medical Center EmComm contact:** Next regular meeting of the hospital's committee is on April 16. We will get a committee together and go down to do a presentation showing them what amateur radio can do for them.

**Strategic Planning Questionnaire:** No feedback received yet. People can fill out the form, post comments to discussion board under "Club Business" or send by e-mail.

**Billboard Snipe:** We're not going to do one, since there wasn't really a "good" place to put the info; this board is also targeting non-hams, so it's not really relevant info anyway. We'll be sure to add that info for next time.

**Jim's (KB7YP) Repeater:** Jay was to make contact with Jim regarding "buying" the machine from Jim with a charitable donation receipt.

- Jim is at the meeting tonight and states he is willing to exchange the repeater for a lifetime membership to the club. Motion to extend life membership to Jim in exchange for the repeater was made by Warren, seconded by Steve and others. Motion carried.
- Now we need to find a "home" for it. It's a crystal-controlled radio set at +147.345; since there's already a repeater at that frequency, we may need to get new crystals for it.

**Club Newsletter:** Warren will have one out within the next two weeks. To be delivered by e-mail only. How to register was discussed. Sorry it's taken so long!

**Field Day Committee:** Jay is chair, and will report on progress there.

- Initial meeting got sidelined due to Snow last week. Will meet next Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> at 1930 local at Jay's QTH.

- Preliminary locations are Kelly Walsh practice field and Casper Events Center. Third location is Edness Kimball Wilkins State Park.

**FT-1000:** It's off to Burghardt's for repair. We will make a final decision regarding disposition (keep it, sell it, trade it) after we get it back.

- Tate mentioned to Randy, KF7BLU, that it may be for sale at some point and Randy expressed interest.

### **New Business**

**a) Change Meeting Time:** Mike, KE7AZF, discussed changing meeting time from 1930 local to 1900 local.

- Some discussion on why was had on reasoning there, in particular the variety of eateries that will still be open after meetings are through.
- Motion to change time to 1830 made in jest by Paul seconded by Steve. Motion failed.
- Motion was made to change the time to 1900 by Paul, seconded by Steve. Motion carried.
- Motion was made suggesting that the change will take effect immediately made by Warren and seconded by Jay. Motion carried – next meeting (activity meeting) will begin at 1900.

**Last Week's Snow Day:** Great job and thank you to everyone that participated in the activation!

- Theresa with County EMA said "Now that you guys are doing things, we can use you again." We've been waiting 8 years to hear those words, and are very excited about the prospect of being truly used.

**VE Stuff:** Results from our VE session posted on March 31: Lou is KF7BLV, Randy is KF7BLU. Also noted are Brian and Jen's upgrade to General. Thanks to everyone that helped make it a success. Next session is "Exam Day Weekend" on April 25 at PV Christian School at 1300.

- Discussed the Tech-Exam "boot camp" idea for a six-hour "teach the test" session on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Will let people know about it on the nets, e-mail, discussion board and website.

**New Wyoming Section website is up:** It is a wiki, so get in there and start contributing! There's also a state-wide discussion board.

- Tate educated everyone on exactly what a wiki is and how someone can make it work.

**Club Historian:** Motion made by Tate to make Josh the CARC Historian. Motion was seconded by Mike, KE7AZF. Motion carried unanimously.

Lou, expressed gratitude to the club and to his Elmers for helping encourage him and get him going in amateur radio.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Jay and seconded by Josh. **Mike Coley, KE7AZF** adjourned the meeting at **2041**.

After a few stragglers stayed behind to chit-chat and take care of dues payments, etc., some folks left to Flying J for eats and drinks, the rest went home.