

The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ

Business Meeting Minutes

2 December, 2009

I. Call to order

CARC President **Mike Coley, KE7AZF** called to order the monthly business meeting of the **Casper Amateur Radio Club** at 1900 on December 2, 2009 in **Natrona County's Emergency Operations Center**.

II. Attendance Roster

The following persons were present:

Note: Asterisk indicates non-member or visitor. Per club by-laws, meetings are open to the public, however only full members in good standing are allowed to vote on club business.

Jay – W7DRJ

Paul – K7RXC

Mike – KE7WQP

*Chuck Snyder – No Call

Julie – KL7JUL

Therese Cruse – No Call

Cecil Cruse – No Call

Tate – KA7O

Mike – KE7AZF

Warren – KU7D

Josh – KA7JUN

Randy – KF7BLU

Lou – KF7BLV

Bruce - KF7CFY

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting / Treasurer's Report

Warren read the minutes from the last meeting. Motion to accept as read was made by Paul, seconded by Jay. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tate gave the treasurer's report. Current balance is \$13,062.32. Two bills paid, money for bob's flowers and josh was reimbursed for field day expenses. Still \$23 on account with power company for Field Day. Motion by Jay, seconded by WQP.

IV. Old Business

- a) **EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE:** VE Session to be offered this Saturday from 0900-1200 at the Casper College Energy Institute, room EI-125. Session is open to the public, fee is \$15. Will offer testing for new hams as well as upgrades.
 - 1. One final study session at Josh's this Friday evening at 1830 for folks that want to study for their exam.
- b) **REPEATER COORDINATION, CLUB LICENSE:** Tate was going to contact the coordination body to ensure his name appears on the coordination paperwork for the three CARC repeaters. He also was going to see that the club license gets renewed.
 - 1. Coordination paperwork is done.
 - 2. License renewal form has been submitted.
- c) **BB BROOKS / GOAT RANCH SITE:** Committee was to submit a proposal to the BB Brooks folks. Bruce is here to give us an update.
 - 1. Proposal and letter is ready to send out, and Bruce has copies for folks to read, get comments, etc.
 - 2. Letter looks good. The committee will send it out.
- d) **.940 MACHINE/COPPER MTN LINK:** Mike has a story about a UHF repeater that will give the Copper-side link more power, which is precisely what it needs. Dave, K7YE was to get that to the appropriate folks for use.
- e) **.280 MACHINE:** This machine is open and ready for business. The "rules of the road" for using the autopatch are on the club's website. Also included is a tutorial for Verizon Wireless subscribers to disable "Ringback Tones" for the patch's outbound number.
 - 1. As a side note, the .235 machine now has a power-regulating/battery-charging gizmo so the machine will seamlessly kick over to battery in case of grid failure and will switch back to grid once the power comes back and recharges and maintains the charge on the batteries.
- f) **FINISHING THE BY-LAWS:** There is no way we will be able to complete the changes to the by-laws in a timely fashion. Warren proposes that we form a Committee to include Mike (AZF), Josh, Tate, Warren and two club "members at large" to revise the by-laws and that the club will trust the committee to perform due diligence in ensuring the by-laws are functional, understandable and legal. Creation of such a committee would negate the need for a full vote and ratification for each and every change to the by-laws.
 - 1. Mike (WQP) motions that we form a committee including two members at large.
 - 2. Lou amends the motion that we should put the full document before the club membership for a final vote before adoption. Mike (WQP) accepts the amended.
 - 3. Paul seconds the motion as amended.
 - 4. Jay and Bruce will be the members at large and we will proceed as prescribed.

V. New business

- a) **2010 OFFICER ELECTIONS:** The vote was held and ballots were counted by Tate, Josh and Warren.
 - 1. Mike Coley, KE7AZF is re-elected as President.
 - 2. Josh Cruse, KA7JUN is re-elected as Vice-President.
 - 3. Warren Appel, KU7D is re-elected as Secretary.
 - 4. Bruce McDonald, KF7CFY is elected as Treasurer.
- b) **2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Dues will be accepted at this meeting and membership cards will be issued appropriately. Dues for the 2010 year are \$20 for individuals and \$25 for families.
- c) **ARES/RACES:** There will be a statewide meeting for the ARES/RACES folks at the EOC on Saturday. Invitees are ARES/RACES officials and served agency personnel only. This is NOT an open meeting.
- d) **NORTHPOLE/SANTA NET:** This is something we've kicked around as a fun PR stunt for the club. Warren makes the motion that we do this, Paul seconds, Mike (WQP) thirds.
 - 1. The December Activity will be the Santa Net. Warren will coordinate details.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Jay and seconded by Paul. Club president **Mike Coley, KE7AZF** adjourned the meeting at 2014.