

The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ

Business Meeting Minutes

4 November 2009

I. Call to order

CARC Vice-President **Josh Cruse, KA7JUN** called to order the monthly business meeting of the **Casper Amateur Radio Club** at 1900 on November 4, 2009 in **Natrona County's Emergency Operations Center**. (President Coley, KE7AZF, was delayed and meeting was started prior to his arrival. Though President Coley did make it to the meeting, this meeting was conducted by VP Cruse).

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.

Mike – KE7WQP

Jay – W7DRJ

Paul – K7RXC

*Gary - W7GRL

Josh – KA7JUN

Tate – KA7O

Warren – KU7D

Tiffany – W7TIF

Brad - KC7YRA

Dave – N0AXE

*Chuck Snyder – No Call

Mike – KE7AZF

Don – N7RQX

*Dan Sanford - KI4ILI

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 Mike (KE7WQP), seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tate gave the treasurer's report. He hasn't been to the post office, so he does not have the newest bank statements. He does know that no money has been spent, so nothing should have changed. Warren read last-month's treasurer's report to fill folks in. Motion to accept made by Mike (KE7WQP), seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- a) **EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE:** VE Session is planned for December 5 (Saturday) at Casper College, Energy Institute room EI-125 from 9am to 12noon. Session is open to the public, fee is \$15.00 and will offer all three license classes. Any accredited VE's are invited to participate. Any questions or concerns may be posted to the discussion board's VE forum.
1. No licensing classes are planned until Spring 2010, although we WILL offer help to anyone that requests it.
 2. Josh will open his house on November 6, 13 and December 4 (night before test) at 1830 each night for folks to come over and study for the exam. Please bring your own study materials.
- b) **.940 MACHINE:** Discussed bad PA in the link to Copper Mountain – there is a plan to fix it, but we're not sure what that plan is. There's frankly nothing we can do about it. Likely won't be fixed until after the winter is over.
1. Also had discussed Tate changing over the registration with the coordinating body to get his name in as the registered party for the .940 and .235 machines. This is in progress, but still pending.
 2. Club license was up for renewal – Tate was supposed to take care of this. Tate will get the appropriate paperwork and fee filed with the ARRL/VEC at the December 5 VE session, since we'll already have stuff to be sending them.
- c) **BB BROOKS / GOAT RANCH SITE:** Officers had requested that the committee move forward with a proposal to the BB Brooks folks to see what arrangements can be made for using this site as an occasional-use or special-event station.
1. Committee plans to meet again next Wednesday.
 2. The proposal for BB Brooks is in draft stage and is a work in progress.
- d) **FT-1000:** This radio has moved to Brad's house and Brad has extended an offer for any amateurs with HF privileges to stop by his place and do some operating from his QTH. Brad has made quite a few DX contacts with it. We're all glad it's being put to good use.
- e) **EXTRA REPEATER:** Mike (AZF) and Tate have been hard at work on this project. The cans have been tuned to the coordinated frequency, the radios are installed and there's just a little bit more tweaking to do before the repeater is “open for business.”
1. Repeater is 147.280+ (107.2 Hz PL tone)
 2. It does NOT work yet. It's running on a mag-mount antenna inside a Faraday cage, so it doesn't hear well. We're waiting on antenna to get set up. Programming the controller is a bit of a pain, and it's not ready yet, either. Ideal is that asterisks bring UP the patch, pound-sign takes the patch DOWN.
 3. It is NOT open for use. Please don't try to use it or do anything with it. We'll let people know when it's ready.

- f) **SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST:** Well done and thanks to the amateurs that participated in the SET activity on Saturday, October 10 at 1300. We'll be looking forward to doing it again next year!
1. Scenario was a blizzard that locked Casper down. Got a net started and dispatched amateurs to the shelters (churches accepting stranded folks). The time was about 90 minutes.
 2. We learned that we need a call tree in case EMA needs to get in touch with us so we can get the ball rolling effectively and in a timely fashion.
- g) **JOTA:** This year's Jamboree on the Air is already over with no official response from the local council, but Tate has had some contact with someone high up in the district hierarchy.
1. Tate mentioned JOTA to this guy and told him our "tale of woe" and gave him his card, telling him to call us if he needs us.
 2. All we can do is offer, so we'll keep at it.

V. **New business**

- a) **2010 MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS ELECTIONS:** We will be having officer elections at next-month's business meeting for the 2010 term, so we're taking nominations. Membership dues for the 2010 year will also be accepted at this meeting; dues are \$20 per year for individuals and \$25 for families. Eligible candidates for club officers must, at a minimum:
1. Be 18 years of age prior to the start of their term (January 1, 2010) as officer positions include a spot on the board of directors and Wyoming Statute has requirements for this;
 2. Must hold a valid amateur radio license of ANY class, with NO enforcement actions against them, pending or final; and
 3. Must be a CARC member in good-standing, nominated by a CARC member in good standing and accept the nomination prior to vote.
 4. Nominations made at this meeting will be posted on the discussion board, where people can continue to make nominations up until the election.
 5. The following nominations were offered during the meeting (by whom):
 - i. PRESIDENT: Jay Martin, W7DRJ (by Paul, K7RXC) and Mike Coley (incumbent), KE7AZF (by Mike, KE7WQP)
 - ii. VICE-PRESIDENT: Josh Cruse (incumbent), KA7JUN (by Paul, K7RXC) and Bruce McDonald, KF7CFY (by Jay, W7DRJ)
 - iii. SECRETARY: Warren Appel (incumbent), KU7D (by Brad, KC7YRA)
 - iv. TREASURER: Tiffany Appel, W7TIF (by Jay, W7DRJ)
- b) **BRAD'S 10m ANTENNA:** Brad brings up the 10m antenna that's in his backyard that he wants gone. Jay is going to adopt this antenna.
- c) **FIELD DAY 2010:** Jay's wondering if we want to start thinking about Field Day, even though it's 8 months away, so we can begin discussing location, etc.
1. General consensus is that we'll wait until after elections before picking this up.

- d) **FINISHING THE BY-LAWS:** Warren brings up that since there's set to be a change in the ranks with the officers, and since the current officers were the ones that finished the 501(c)(3) journey, that changes be made to the by-laws to make it a clear, concise, working document. The hope here is that future amateurs will have a clear idea of how the club should or should-not operate.
1. Jay makes a motion that the officers/board proceed with this project, seconded by Paul.
 2. Any and all changes to by-laws will be subject to vote prior to ratification at next business meeting.

TOPIC FOR THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITY MEETING: Meeting will be at Brad's House at 2001 South Washington at 1900 local; will look at his tower/beam/antenna and shack setup, play radio, etc.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Paul and seconded by Mike (KE7WQP). **Josh Cruse, KA7JUN** adjourned the meeting at 2012.