

The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ

Business Meeting Minutes

5 August 2009

I. Call to order

CARC President **Mike Coley, KE7AZF** called to order the monthly business meeting of the **Casper Amateur Radio Club** at **1903** on **August 5, 2009** at the Casper Office of Wireless Advanced Communications (1240 West Collins).

NOTE: Alternate site due to flood damage and reparations at the EOC after the flash-flooding on July 3. This is the first business meeting since the 3 June meeting due to lack of quorum.

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 – KE7AZF
Tate – KA7O
Brad – KC7YRA
Warren – KU7D
Brent – KCOFUP
Paul – K7RXC
Brian – W6NJ (ex KE6EUI)
Lou – KF7BLV
Bruce – KF7CFY
Randy – KF7BLU
Josh – KA7JUN
Dave – N0AXE

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 Lou, seconded by Tate. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tate gave the treasurer's report. Current account balance is \$13,707.11. We paid out checks in June for the porta-potty for field day, the field day VE session and Tate was reimbursed for the repairs to the FT-1000. In May, we paid out for a VE session and re-registered with the Secretary of State's office. All bills are paid and current. Motion to accept by Warren, seconded by Brian. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

a) **DISPOSITION OF NOW-REPAIRED FT-1000:**

- It worked great for Field Day 2009, and we had elected to discuss its final disposition after that time.
- Brad likes it, thinks we should keep it.
- Tate likes it, wants us to keep it or wants to purchase it himself.
- Lou thinks we should keep it for now, given the money we can get for it.
- Vote was cast, unanimously in favor of keeping the radio. At this point, it will continue to “live” at Tate’s (since he’s providing it a good home), although Tate was very clear that it belongs to the club and anyone that feels it should be in a different place needs only to speak up.
 - Some side discussion about keeping our equipment elsewhere, since we weren’t allowed access to the EOC during the flooding due to building damage at the Hall of Justice. Might be a good idea to not keep all our eggs in one basket, so to speak.

b) **LICENSING CLASSES / VE SESSION:**

- The demand is there, and questions are again circulating as to the next time CARC will be putting on classes and/or offering VE sessions. Now that summer is drawing to a close and people will be staying closer to home, we need to begin planning.
 - Tate motions we create an Educational Committee to take over this procedure, seconded by Lou. Committee is formed by Bruce, Tate and Warren. We will coordinate and report back to the club.

c) **S-COM REPEATER CONTROLLER:**

- Last we knew, S-Com had contacted Tate and told him of supply problems which would delay delivery for 4-6 weeks.
- The device arrived at Tate’s house late last week and will be there until it’s programmed and ready for installation at the repeater site. Might be a while, since it’s apparently a bit of a chore to program it. Likely ready to install in Spring 2010.
 - Brent brought up his old promise that should the club become a 501(c)(3), he would donate another S-Com Repeater Controller in exchange for a charitable donation receipt. The repeater is in his possession; we will get the receipt created and make that exchange. Thanks, Brent!

V. New business

- a) **.940 Repeater is Linked:** With many thanks to Dave (K7YE), the .940 machine is now linked up to the .805 machine on Copper Mountain which already had a link to the Rawlins machine. There was much rejoicing.
- b) **Antenna and Coax at the EOC** was discussed, with problems, solutions and suggestions. Apparently things aren’t in good shape and look very amateurish. Thinking to do a bulkhead at the penthouse where the coax runs come

up, then running pigtails out to the antennas since the coax is not replaceable due to twisted chases.

- Also discussed replacing antennas and what will be best to do in light of a possible dispatch center move to the 5th floor of the Hall of Justice after the new courthouse opens. Noise will likely be a major issue if/when that move happens.
- c) **Pony Express** certificates are here, and the schedule for next year is already out. We should start planning for this as soon as possible. Next year is the 150th year, and Wyoming is the host state.
 - d) We received a letter from Rick, a guy in Texas that deals in second-hand radio gear, offering us some type of profit-sharing deal. We're generally not interested.
 - e) Bruce mentioned the thought of having a club business cards. We discussed this at length and generally agree that it's a bad idea. We do, however, support the integration of the club logo onto a personal business card. Warren will work up the logo and get it placed in the members-only section on the website for use by club members.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Brent and seconded by Josh. **Mike Coley, KE7AZF** adjourned the meeting at **2032**.

Brent paid his dues early on in the meeting, and can now vote on business.