

The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ

Business Meeting Minutes

6 May 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 **May 6, 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, only full club members in good standing are allowed to vote on club business.

Mike – KE7AZF
Gabe – KE7ZCQ
Lou – KF7BLV
Dave – N0AXE
Joyce – KF7CFW
Chuck – KF7CFX
*Carol – N7SDX
Pete – KC7JFT
Mike – KE7WQP
Jim – KB7YP
Jay – W7DRJ
Steve – WA2SMS
Bruce – KF7CFY
*Alvin – No Call (WA2SMS)
*Daniel – No Call (KU7D)
Brian – KE6EUI
Paul – K7RXC
Tiffany – W7TIF
Warren – KU7D
Josh – KA7JUN
Tate – KA7O

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 Jay, seconded by Lou. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: CARC Treasurer Tate Belden, KA7O, gave the treasurer's report. There has been no change (save for the VE money in/out) – read from old minutes. Motion made to accept as-read by Paul, Second by Brian. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- a) **BSA Licensing class:** Meeting went well, e-mails were sent out, Jay has received no feedback or requests.
- b) **Alternate Special Event site:** Nothing new to report. Jay has been busy, but said he will continue to work on it.
- c) **S-Com Repeater Controllers:** Check needs to be signed for \$475, will be mailed out, controller to arrive 4-6 weeks afterwards. As trustee, Tate will be having some learning time with the controller, then both controllers (ours, and the one donated by Brent) will be going to Dave, K7YE and Brent, KC0FUP, for setup, programming and configuration.
- d) **FEMA ICS Modules:** Again made mention of the importance of completing these modules. Pats on the back to those who have completed them, more admonishment to those who have not yet gotten do it. Links to the modules can be found on the club website.
 - Sidebar conversation regarding navigation of the wiki and how to get to the links for the ICS courses.
- e) **WMC EmComm contact:** Some background on this topic was given for the newcomers. They would like to test comms from the hospital's EOC to the county EOC using simplex on HT's so they can determine the reliability of comms in case of emergency. They're also determining the viability of installing a fixed antenna on the building if HT's don't work.
- f) **Strategic Planning Questionnaire:** Tate forgot to bring the hard copies, but we did discuss how to get to it.
- g) **Field Day Committee:** School board is going to "overlook" the insurance policy for the field day site (KW High School Practice Fields). K7WO television is going to be doing some media PR with field day. City will be doing a proclamation dedicating June 28 as "Casper Amateur Radio Club Day" at the field day site. Since Jay is beginning a new job, he is asking for someone to take over as chair of the field-day committee. Committee will select a new chairman before the next business meeting.
- h) **FT-1000:** The radio is back from Burghardt's, and Tate really likes that radio. Tate will be taking the radio out of the box to check it out. Some background on the previous discussions was given for the newbies. Radio is worth \$800 to \$1600.

V. New business

- a) **Welcome to our new hams** & discussion of next VE session, which is Saturday, May 23 at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel as part of Hamfest.

- b) **Noise in the .940 machine.** We will be making a field trip to the machine to do some housekeeping in the coming weeks and see if we can't identify the problem (and fix it, if possible).
- c) Jay discussed the Adopt-A-Highway program as something to kick around.
- d) Jay requested that the club buy a sponsorship for the poker run coming up. Jay voluntarily retracted his discussion, with no motions.
- e) **New ham class:** May be doing a technician class beginning in mid-June. Very, VERY tentative at this point; probably a Monday evening class and narrow it down to 6-weeks.
 - Pete asked about General classes and we said we would make arrangements for those on an individual basis if the need was made known.
 - PV Christian School has been gracious to allow us to use their facility, and they would like us, either as individuals or as a group, to be involved in their science program and/or sponsor a club at the school.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by K7RXC and seconded by KB7YP. **Mike Coley, KE7AZF** adjourned the meeting at **1955**.

Some after-discussion and a de-briefing was had regarding the simulated Emergency Event from last Saturday.

Joyce and Chuck have a new Kenwood HT that they brought to have folks help them set up.

Membership cards were made out for our new members.