

The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ

Business Meeting Minutes

7 April 2010

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 **April 7, 2010** 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.

Mike – KE7AZF

Bruce- KF7CFY

Todd Sexton

Lee Wood

Mike – KE7WQP

Paul – K7RXC

Jay – W7DRJ

Brad – KC7YRA

Tate – KA7O

Warren – KU7D

Chuck – KF7GNB

Brent – KC0FUP

Dave – N0AXE

III. Minutes from Last Meeting

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

IV. Old Business

- a) **By-Laws Committee:** For those not present at the March meeting, the new By-Laws, as presented by the committee, were unanimously approved by all those present at the March meeting and are now in effect. A secure copy of the by-laws in PDF form is now available on the members-only section of the club website.

- b) **Field Day 2010 Planning:** As of last meeting, Josh wasn't here and we still hadn't received the paperwork from the School District to allow us to use the KW Practice Fields like last year. Jay was to chase this paperwork down.
- Josh still isn't here. Jay does have application from the school district. We need to continue working on this.
- c) **Rocky Mountain Convention:** Still in planning phase.
- There is a schedule on the website as well as up-to-date schedules.
 - Online registration is now open on the wyomingsection.org website.
 - Discussed swap versus vendor tables and the question is does the club want to spend the \$25 for the indoor table. Paul moves that we make the expense, WQP seconds the motion. The club will have a table in the vendor area.
- d) **Summer Special Event Station:** Jay was going to work on this. We still have some time left.
- Jay drove out to Hell's Half Acre, and has no idea where we would set up.
 - Will look at other spots, such as Independence Rock or Natural Bridge.
- e) **Dave's Antenna Donation:** For those not "in-the-know," Dave, NOAXE, donated to the club a DDR-1 Doppler Antenna system for foxhunting/RFI use. We have appropriately provided him with a charitable donation receipt for his taxes. Thanks, Dave!
- This led into some discussion about the .940 packet-sounding noise that we keep hearing. Tate is going to work on repairing this antenna so we can use it.
- f) **EOC Remodel Project:** In light of the City/County's decision to do some upgrading to their radio infrastructure, we're going to wait on this somewhat. Mike (AZF) was going to check with Brent to see if he still had the measurements/plans that he had worked up before.
- We do know for sure that the HF antenna is borked in some way or another; we might need to fix this sooner instead of later to ensure we have HF capabilities at the EOC. Otherwise, we'll need to remote-base into a radio at another location for HF ops. We can make it work.

V. New business

- a) **2010 Casper Marathon:** Todd Sexton and Lee Wood with the Casper Marathon committee are here to discuss our involvement in this year's event. Marathon is Sunday, June 6. *(Note: This item of business was addressed before anything else, as we didn't want to keep our guests waiting.)*

- Discussed possibilities of using APRS. Todd and Lee brought maps that they'd like us to complete showing where we are going to be so all involved know where we are going to be. Also discussed getting some mobile tracker vehicles (such as 4-wheelers or motorcycles) that could tackle the trail in case of a downed runner so we can get real-time feedback on location.
 - Also mentioned some of the difficulties we had last year with people not knowing who we were, who they needed to call for what, etc.
- b) Mike, AE7EC, mentioned through Jay that we may want to start looking at setting up an info table at the gun shows locally.
- We generally think this is a good idea. Tate makes a motion that we pursue the opportunity and see if it's a viable way of recruiting members, seconded by Mike (WQP). We will relay to AE7EC and encourage him to chase this down.
- c) Brad brings up that we may want to look at getting some club uniforms so we'll look somewhat professional when we get going on some of these PR events.
- Jay, Mike (WQP) and Tate will constitute a committee to look at this and explore it as something for club members to pursue.

VI. Upcoming Events/Items we Don't Want to Forget

- **Pony Express Re-Ride:** Getting closer. Donny had posted the leg list to the discussion board, and Tate has asked him to supply us with a list of the ride captains which will allow individuals that want to participate to contact the ride captains directly so we can ascertain the unique needs of each leg and coordinate appropriately.
- **BB Brooks/Goat Ranch:** We have received word from the BB Brooks folks apologizing for the delay in getting back to us. They are going to revisit this topic and get back to us soon.
- **Christmas Parade Float:** There it is

TOPIC FOR APRIL ACTIVITY MEETING: APRS Trackers & Related stuff for the Marathon

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Jay and seconded by Mike (WQP). **Mike Coley, KE7AZF** adjourned the meeting at **2024**.