

# ***The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ***

## ***Business Meeting Minutes***

6 January 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 **Wednesday, January 6, 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  
Warren – KU7D  
Josh – KA7JUN  
Bruce – KF7CFY  
Jay – W7DRJ  
Paul – K7RXC  
Mike – KE7WQP  
Brad – KC7YRA  
Dave – N0AXE  
Tate – KA7O  
Chuck – KF7GNB

### **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 Tate, seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No treasurer's report given, as we couldn't get into the PO Box. Tate motions that we table the report until next meeting, seconded by Jay. Motion carried. (Warren did give a re-cap on last-month's report as an FYI, as there have been no changes).

### **IV. Old Business**

- a) **BB BROOKS / GOAT RANCH SITE:** Committee was to send off letter to BB Brooks folks in Phoenix with our proposal.
  - Letter has been sent – now waiting for a response. We're figuring that we need to wait a minimum of 60 days before attempting to follow-up.

- Also discussed the photograph Bruce found of a parade in 1938 showing the Casper Amateur Radio Club participating with a float, showing that we were “ARRL Affiliated.” This puts the final nail in the coffin with the long-running friendly dispute with the Cheyenne group about who truly is the oldest club in the state.
- b) **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:** Still has not met, largely due to the hubbub surrounding the holidays. We will linger after the meeting to set up a time.
- c) **NORTH POLE / SANTA NET:** Was a good exercise, folks had fun with it.
  - Jay makes a motion that we continue with this for the December 2010 meeting, seconded by Paul.
  - Discussion was had about having a float in the Christmas Parade – we’ll revisit this later on in the year.

## V. New business

- a) **Field Day 2010 Planning:** We had brought this up during the November meeting, and tabled it until after the election. Need to get something started.
  - Jay is going to look into getting back out to the KW Practice Fields, which everyone pretty much agrees was a great location.
  - Some other side discussion was had, largely dealing with antennas and possible sponsorships.
- b) **2010 Rocky Mountain Convention:** Garth is asking for warm bodies to help put on the convention this year, so they’ll know who to go for.
  - VE Team has volunteered to participate with testing, if nothing is already planned
  - Garth has been holding conference calls on Saturdays to discuss things, which folks can participate in, if desired.
- c) **UHF Repeater on Copper Mountain:** The repeater has been delivered, but we don’t yet know if it’s been installed. It likely won’t get done until the snow thaws a bit and it’s easier to get into the site.
- d) Some other discussion was had about the S-Com repeater controllers and whatnot.
- e) Brad brought a collection of some of his new QSL cards to show folks
  - He mentioned that he took some crap that Wyoming is the only state that doesn’t have its own QSO party. We discussed what is all involved in setting up such an event. There’s some interest there.
  - Jay was also talking about repeating the Goose Island event at Alcova.
  - Josh took it one step further to be asking if we ought to start doing some of these activities with some regularity. There are some differing opinions.
- f) There was some other discussion about involvement with Seniors on the Air (SOTA) and the Boy Scouts, and the impending demise of N7UW.

**VI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike (WQP) and seconded by Paul. **Mike Coley, KE7AZF** adjourned the meeting at **2002**.