

The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ

Business Meeting Minutes

3 March 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, March 3, 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

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Tate – KA7O (was here, but had to leave before meeting started)

Paul – K7RXC

Bruce – KF7CFY

Warren – KU7D

Jay – W7DRJ

Mike – AE7EC (arrived just after call to order)

Dave – N0AXE (arrived just after call to order)

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 WQP seconded by RXC. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bruce gave the treasurer's report. Balance from last statement was \$12,658.30. Some deposits have been made for dues payments, totaling \$130. We also earned .50-cents worth of interest. Current projected balance of \$12,788.80. Motion to accept made by Paul, seconded by Jay.

IV. Old Business

a) **By-Laws Committee:** We are to vote on the new by-laws at this meeting.

- New by-laws were unanimously adopted by all those present.

b) **Field Day 2010 Planning:**

- Still don't have paperwork from KW/School District. Jay is going to chase these down.
- Josh isn't here, so we're not sure where else things stand. We've still got some time, so no worries.

- Lead into discussion about the most recent QST article regarding antennas, and that we should do this for the March activity meeting. Some side discussion ensued, but those with experience think they're great antennas, and it is generally agreed that we'll proceed with this for the activity meeting.
- c) **2010 Rocky Mountain Convention:** Nobody really knows much about that.
 - Some corrected admissions fees are posted to the section website. Not sure what those are, but folks can check.
- d) **Summer Special Event Station:** Nothing concrete yet. Jay really likes the idea of Hell's Half Acre. Still some time to plan.
- e) **EOC Remodel Project:** City of Casper is going with the Motorola R56 standard on this building, so we're thinking we might wait and let them get that done. In the meantime, still in a good position to look at furniture, hardware, etc. Mike (AZF) wants to touch base with Brent sometime soon and see if he still has all the measurements and whatnot from the previous drive to get this done.

V. **New business**

- a) Paul was talking about organizing a state QSO party while folks are here for the Convention. We generally don't think that it's something a club can do, but rather something that needs to be coordinated and organized through the section level.
- b) Dave, N0AXE, has donated to the club a DDR-1 system (a Doppler direction-finding antenna) for the club's foxhunting activity. We will provide him with a donation receipt at next meeting.
- c) Mike (WQP) again brings up wanting a mobile communication vehicle. Some discussion ensued there. We don't want one, at least until we get better with our own skill set. We're nowhere near good enough at passing traffic, formal nets, etc. to be effective. The tale of the ambulance (though in a much shorter form) was rehashed again.

VI. **UPCOMING EVENTS THAT WE DON'T WANT TO FORGET:**

- **Pony Express Re-Ride:** Donny sent Mike (AZF) an e-mail not so long ago, talking about the Wheatland club working that section of the state, up to where we pick up near the Converse/Natrona county line. Mike will check up with Donny.
- **BB Brooks Goat Ranch:** We're still waiting. Nothing official yet. The committee is going to keep on it.
- **Casper Marathon:** Marathon folks want us to play with them again this year. Warren will maintain that communication and report things back to the club as they develop.
- **Christmas Parade Float:** There it is. Still a ways off, and some planning to do.

TOPIC FOR MARCH ACTIVITY MEETING: Working on Field Day Satellite Antennas

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Paul and seconded by Jay. **Mike Coley, KE7AZF** adjourned the meeting at **1950**.