

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

## ***Business Meeting Minutes***

1 September, 2010

### **I. Call to order**

CARC President **Mike Coley, KE7AZF** called to order the monthly business meeting of the **Casper Amateur Radio Club** at **1902** on **September 1, 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

Ben – KF7LFN

Jack – No Call\*

Randy – KF7BLU

Mike – AE7EC

Jay – W7DRJ

Bruce – KF7CFY

Mike – KE7WQP

Harry – KC7WFO

Scott – KF7LFQ

Tiffany – W7TIF

Warren – KU7D

Tate – KA7O

Josh – KA7JUN (arrives late, receives a tardy)

### **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 Mike, KE7WQP. Motion carried.

### **IV. Old Business**

- a) **Membership Roster:** Warren's waiting on a paid-up members list.
- b) **Open House Recruitment Event:** As of last meeting, folks were busy with summer stuff and nothing had happened. Jay and Mike (7EC) were going to work on this and report back to us.

- Jay hasn't done anything with this yet... life happened and things have been sidelined.
  - Mike, AE7EC, has not been able to get in touch with anyone from the Gun Show, so this, too, has been sidelined for now.
  - Tate moves that we table the "open house" idea until the committee can assemble and get something done. Jay seconds. Motion passed.
- c) **Club Property Inventory:** As Treasurer, Bruce was going to work on this.
- Bruce has heard that there is/was an old inventory list, but hasn't been able to find it. He has managed to inventory the equipment at the .235 site, and will continue to work on this.
  - Talked about the FT-1000 being at Tate's office, and the open offer for folks to go down there and use it while he's there.
- d) **Field-Day Thank-You Letters:** Warren was going to send letters to the folks at the equipment rental place, the principal at KW and the reporter from the Casper Journal. He hasn't done this yet.
- e) **Fundraiser Event:** This topic keeps coming up in meetings with a variety of ideas, but nothing concrete (or particularly viable).
- Jay discusses selling unused equipment around our shacks and making donations to the club.
  - Tate asks about opening a club seller's account on Ebay or another similar site, which sounds like a good idea for this sort of thing. Mike, KE7WQP, moves that Tate proceed with this. Some discussion ensued, and Tate and Bruce will have access to this account. Jay seconds.
  - Another option is the KB7FGN Swap Shop for selling off unused equipment. Mike, KE7AZF, brought up the troubles we've had in the past with PayPal, and so we might consider using QRZ, eHam, etc. to move equipment, since it won't take so much "percent" off the top.
  - Tate has gotten a grant from Google for free Google AdWords advertising for non-profits. People like this.

## V. New business

- a) **Field Day Logs:** We can't find our logs from Field Day and we're about to get cut-off from being able to enter this year (if we aren't too late already).
- Logs are found, but we ARE too late. Had some discussion about how all of us dropped the ball. We still had a good time, and it's not really a contest, anyway.
- b) Mike, AE7EC, brings up the errant messages on the .235 machine. We re-hashed the old discussion about why we have new controllers, and that those are in-process.
- Various other discussion was had, nothing particularly worth recording.

- c) Bruce was asking about where we are in ordering the APRS tracker that was approved for purchase. There is some discussion that we might just want to delay this and look at other options (building our own, etc.). We've discovered that we can get two tracker kits that only need radios for the same price, and we've got a bunch of radios lying around that could be purposed for such a thing. Jay moves that we rescind the allocation for the purchase of the tracker, and we'll look at it later. Tate seconds. Motion carries, with two dissenters.
- d) Mike, AE7EC, has a TNC at his place for anyone that might want it.
- e) Scott talks about the coffee mugs he can get for cheap with our names/callsigns on them. He's going to find out where the price break is for a discount and get back to us.
- f) Also had some discussion regarding a club logo. We're going to work on this for some discussion and/or a possible vote at the next meeting.
- g) Mike, WQP, asks about club participating in the Simulated Emergency Test.
  - We're going to do this, but there's no "plan," since it's supposed to be a surprise (as in Simulated Emergency).
- h) Mike, WQP, also asks about the possibility of setting up the .940 to be able to bring the link down. Pros, cons discussed. Generally people like it, so we'll leave it for now.
- i) We do have a QSL card from a gentleman in North Carolina from Field Day. He has included an SASE, and we'll be sending him a QSL card in reply which we're all signing individually. He's quite excited about a QSO from Wyoming, so we're pretty sure he REALLY wants this card back.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Tate and seconded by Mike, KE7WQP. **Mike Coley, KE7AZF** adjourned the meeting at 2010.