

The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ

December 7, 2011

I. Call to order

The CARC President, Mike Coley, KE7AZF, called to order the monthly business meeting of the Casper Amateur Radio Club at 1900 MST on December 7, 2011 at the Natrona County Emergency Operations Center.

II. Attendance Roster

The following persons were present. Note: Asterisk indicates an associate member or a visitor. Per club bylaws meetings are open to the public, but only full members in good standing are allowed to vote on club business.

Mike – KE7AZF, President
Tate – KA7O, Vice-President
Paul – K7RXC, Secretary
Bruce – KF7CFY, Treasurer
Ben – KF7LFN
Shawn – N7RRB
Andrea – KF7OPT
Gary – AE7LS*
Warren – KU7D
Josh – KA7JUN
Kirk – KI7YY
Mike – AE7EC
Mike – KE7WQP

III. Minutes from the last meeting

CARC Secretary, Paul, K7RXC, read the minutes from the last meeting. Kirk, KI7YY, made a motion for the club to accept the minutes as read. Mike, KE7WQP, seconded the motion and the club passed it unanimously.

IV. Old business

Election of the CARC President and CARC Secretary

According to Tate, KA7O, Josh, KA7JUN, was elected President with 13 votes and Kirk, KI7YY, was elected Secretary with 15 votes, and Jay, W7DRJ, got 2 votes for CARC President.

Letter of acknowledgement

According to Bruce, KF7CFY, the rental business has gone out of business and, therefore, the need to send the letter is no longer necessary.

Digital capabilities for the W7VNJ station

According to Paul, K7RXC, the project is still in progress.

Modification of the honorary membership's portion of the CARC bylaws

According to Mike, KE7AZF, the board made an executive decision to eliminate the family membership, the honorary membership and the patron membership portion of the CARC bylaws. The board felt that the rules were too loosely written to serve the club properly. Mike stated that the club would find a new way to encourage new licensees into the club.

SET involving the club

Nothing was definitively decided on the project. The club will do something next year. Paul, K7RXC, stated that Jay, W7DRJ, gave the maps that he had promised for this SET project. The maps were distributed out during the meeting.

Discontinuation of the HF capabilities of the EOC

According to Tate, KA7O, no further progress has occurred in the matter. Lt. Stu Anderson is looking into the possible funding of the antenna for the EOC. The club discussed the possibility of allowing some of the radios in the EOC to be loaners for club members in the furtherance of their HF skills. Josh suggested the availability of an FT-5000. The possibility of using the Wireless Advance Communications site for a club radio station activities site was also brought up and discussed.

VE testing session

According to Warren, KU7D, Kirk, KI7YY went to Extra Class and Shawn, KF7OPS, went to General Class operator. Congratulations were given to the successful applicants by way of cheers throughout the club. Warren stated that he would be moving towards the end of this month and he would arrange for the smooth transition to another ham in the mean time. Mike, KE7AZF, gave thanks to Warren for all the work he had given to establishing and administering a VE team that the club could be proud of.

Possible site for the new .235 repeater location

Currently, the site will be moved to Brad's, KC7YRA, location as an interim site until it is decided where in the outskirts of town the club would like to place the repeater. There was discussion concerning where the ultimate location would be, but presently, the repeater will be located at KC7YRA's location.

Santa Claus net

Mike, AE7EC, stated that he didn't have the time that the net would deserve and wanted to cancel it for this year and do it next year. Kirk, KI7YY, stated that it was still possible for this year and Mike agreed to do it provided Kirk had "wheels". There was discussion concerning the site where this net would occur. Warren, KU7D, suggested that next year the net be in coordination with the Santa Claus parade that is done downtown. Kirk, KI7YY, asked the club if the committee had the authority to cancel the net if there were any major problems completing this project. Mike, KE7AZF, stated: "that is what the committee is for".

V. New business

Incentive to new members of the CARC.

The club discussed an offering of a new operating manual would be a better way to encourage new members to the club as opposed to the honorary membership that has recently been deleted. Tate, KA7O, stated that he would order five (5) of the operating manuals. Tate bought up the possible affiliation of The Back Country Crawlers with our club. He stated that their CB radios did not do the job they wanted it to do in an emergency, and that the ham radio capability might be a better fit for them. That club has a website: www.backcountrycrawlers.com. This possible affiliation is still in the works.

An assignment for the website's password

Tate, KA7O, bought up the need to do the annual password assignment. The club decided on a word.

VI. Adjournment

As there was no further business for the club, Mike, KE7WQP, moved that the meeting adjourn, and Kirk, KI7YY, seconded the motion and the club voted to adjourn at 2001 MST.

