

## The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ

October 5, 2011

### I. Call to order

The CARC Vice-President, Tate Belden, KA7O, called to order the monthly business meeting of the Casper Amateur Radio Club at 1900 MDT on October 5, 2011. CARC Secretary Paul Long, K7RXC, arrived at 1903 MDT and the meeting re-convened at 1903 MDT.

### II. Attendance Roster

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

Tate – KA7O, Vice-President  
Paul – K7RXC, Secretary  
Bruce – KF7CFY, Treasurer  
Mike – AE7EC  
Kirk – KI7YY  
Ben – KF7LFN  
Charles – N7RQW  
Gary – AE7LS\*  
Andrea – KF7OPT  
Shawn – N7RRB  
Shawn – KF7OPS  
Clarissa\*  
Jeremy\*  
Ethan\*

### III. Minutes from the last meeting

CARC Secretary, Paul, K7RXC, read the minutes from the last meeting. Charles, N7RQW made a motion for the club to accept the minutes as read. Kirk, KI7YY, seconded the motion and club passed it unanimously.

### IV. Old Business

Wyoming Medical Center repeater

According to Tate, KA7O, all issues with the .28 repeater have been resolved.

There was some discussion about perceived defects in its performance, and Tate and Shawn, N7RRB, said they would look into the matter. Tate said that in the next couple of weeks he would put output tones on the repeaters.

#### Letter of acknowledgement

The letter is still in the progress of completion. Tate, KA7O, took exception of the word “summarily” but Paul, K7RXC, stated that this was what happened in the meeting.

#### Digital capabilities of the W7VNI

The project is still being investigated.

#### Modification of the CARC honorary members’ portion of the CARC bylaws

Paul, K7RXC, and Tate, KA7O, presented the options for the vote of the honorary members. Paul interpreted the present bylaw as allowing the current honoraries to vote on this issue, as this is a vote to disenfranchise the future honorary members. Tate brought up the club’s history on the formulation and voting of the current bylaw. Tate brought up the striking of the vote with a modification of ‘paying that year’s dues’. Mike, AE7EC, stated “No one has made it clear to me: what good is an honorary membership without the vote?” The body of the club voted for the retention for the honorary membership’s vote, and also the modifications for “membership year” and “initially” tested.

#### RACES mobile emergency capabilities of W7VNI

There was no discussion concerning this matter before the club.

#### Simulated Emergency Test

The club as a body missed the National simulated emergency test for this year. There was discussion about doing one in the future. Tate, KA7O, stated that the state RACES has formed a committee to discuss this very issue. Kirk, KI7YY, brought up the possibility of doing an HF exercise. Tate, KA7O, questioned the need for an HF exercise. Tate and Kirk also brought up the PACTOR III protocol of which Kirk has the ability to do. The legality of PACTOR III is still in question. Tate brought up the fact that RACES activity within the state has been negligible.

#### Re-visiting membership period

Kirk, KI7YY, stated that he agreed with Chuck, KC6OUZ, that if a ham wanted to join that night it was in the club's best interests to accept his money. Tate wondered why it was changed and Paul, K7RXC, stated that the primary reason was to avoid prorated concerns with the treasurer. There was other discussion and Tate proposed that the secretary prepare a ballot for a change in the membership dues provision. Paul had concerns about the mechanics and wisdom of such an accelerated change in the bylaw. Kirk gave some of the concerns that Mike, KE7AZF, had stated at the last business meeting about the reasons the bylaw committee had decided to take that tack.

#### The possible sale of the .235 repeater's tower

The board is in the process of completing the sale of the tower at the .235 repeater site. There was discussion about the membership's vote on the matter, but Paul, K7RXC, stated that this matter is not going to be voted on by the body of the membership. Paul stated: "certain matters are better handled by the board; and this is one of those matters". Bruce, KF7CFY, stated that there were still concerns about the transaction that made it less than a "done deal". The board would inform the membership of future developments as they happened.

#### V. New business

##### Discontinuation of transmission of the EOC's HF station

Tate, KA7O, announced that presently the club is not to transmit on the HF transmitter until further notice, as the EOC does not have its HF antenna up. There was discussion concerning the ownership of the EOC's radio station. Tate, KA7O, stated that when the club split a while back there was a confusion concerning who owned what.

##### Next testing session of the club's volunteer examiners

Jeremy asked the club when the next VE testing session would occur. Tate, KA7O, told to tell him when he was ready and the VE team would schedule a session accordingly.

## VI. Adjournment

As there was no further business for the club, Ben, KF7LFN, moved that the meeting adjourn. Shawn, KF7OPS, seconded the motion and club voted to adjourn 2020 MDT.