

The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ

Business Meeting Minutes

July 6, 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 MDT on July 6, 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 by-laws meeting are opened 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
Shawn – KF7OPS
Shawn – N7RRB
Gary – AE7LS
Ben – KF7LFN
Mike – AE7EC
Mike – KE7WQP
Peter – N7DTJ*

III Minutes from the last meeting

CARC Secretary, Paul, K7RXC, read the minutes from the last meeting, Mike, KE7WQP, made a motion for the club to accept the minutes as read. Tate, KA7O, seconded the motion and the club passed it unanimously.

III. Old Business

Dave's, N0AXE, equipment disposition committee update

This matter continues to be tabled.

Pony Express re-ride update

The event is tentatively scheduled for August 17, 2011 per the Pony Express Website. The route will be the same as it was going from east to west. Mike Coley, KE7AZF, suggested that the club consider a special event station at the Trails Interpretive Center during part of the running of the Pony Express Re-ride. The club gave no real indication what it wanted to do concerning that suggestion at this time.

Field Day

Paul, K7RXC, congratulated Mike, KE7WQP, for a successful Field Day this year. Paul also stated that he needed a couple of logs before submitting them to the American Radio Relay League. He stated that, if they were not available, he could submit an abbreviated submission later this month with a disclaimer as to other stations who claimed contact with our club. Tate, KA7O, stated that the logs were forthcoming.

Repeater update

IRLP is presently in place on the 449.575MHz repeater. Mike, KE7AZF, stated that the IRLP is working on a global basis, especially with the SKYWARN nets worldwide. Paul, K7RXC, stated that the tsunami in New Zealand is presently holding the nets' attention.

Clubhouse committee update

This matter continues to be tabled at this time.

Letter of Acknowledgement

This matter is still in the works. Mike, AE7EC and Tate, KA7O, discussed the transmission of the club logo to Tate's home location. During the meeting this matter was finally resolved.

Threat to 70CM privilege

According to Tate, KA7O, the threat no longer exists, but it is still not in writing. Tate, stated that the threat appears to continue, but that the hams need to "populate the band with a vengeance".

Digital capability for W7VNJ

This possibility is still in the works. RACES may provide a modem for the club, but again that remains to be seen.

The Wyoming Medical Center Project

Shawn, N7RRB, stated that the on site location of the .28 machine has been approved by the hospital. Tate, KA7O, stated that he and Shawn would be moving the repeater from its present site (Wireless Advanced Communications) to the hospital in the very near future. Tate also stated that he would inform the club of further developments as they occurred.

IV. New business

Modification of the honorary membership's portion of the CARC by-laws

Mike, KE7AZF, stated that the board was presently looking into the possible misinterpretation of the voting privilege of honorary members who get membership due to a successful completion of an entry exam for a ham radio license by our club's volunteer examiners' program. Paul, K7RXC, read the provision for how the club can change the by-law. Tate, KA7O, read the proposed modification suggested by the board. Mike, AE7EC, suggested that the buy-in of honorary members for the first year be 50% of regular dues. Mike also suggested that the honorary member go through the first year and on to the next one. There was a discussion concerning these suggestions with no definite outcome. Mike stated that a new suggestion could be the honorary member could pay their dues the December business meeting before the next membership period so they could vote. Tate thought that an undesirable voting block could be produced in that manner and felt that the suggestion was counter to the spirit of the generous offering of the club to allow new licensees to be members. Mike stated that he was shocked that he wasn't allowed to vote last year. Mike, KE7AZF, apologized for that misunderstanding. It was a major speed bump that wasn't taken care of the first time. It was stated that now it was being taken care of, but Paul, K7RXC, stated that this misunderstanding wouldn't be taken care of until it was voted on. Mike, KE7WQP, suggested that the voting rights go to honorary members who get their license before July of that year, and those after July do not get the right to vote. Mike also stated that the only voting that really occurs is during election of officers. Paul stated that we could line out the voting privilege all together. Discussion followed with no definite conclusion.

Frequency coordination

Tate, KA7O, stated that the state has now entered into a new method of frequency coordination. Tate is our central state coordinator.

V. Adjournment

As there was no further business for the club, Mike, KE7WQP, moved that the club meeting adjourn, Tate, KA7O, seconded the motion and club voted to adjourn at 2009 MDT.