

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

### **Business Meeting Minutes**

June 1, 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 June 1, 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 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  
Mike – AE7EC  
Mike – KE7WQP  
Josh – KA7JUN  
Shawn – N7RRB

#### **III. Minutes from the last meeting**

CARC Secretary Paul Long, K7RXC, read the minutes from the last meeting. Kirk, KI7YY, moved that minutes be accepted as read, while Mike, KE7WQP, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **IV. Old Business**

Dr. Dave's disposition committee update: Bruce, KF7CFY, stated that the committee has not yet met, as Josh has been out of town. Tate, KA7O, stated Josh, KA7JUN, would be at the meeting later, and maybe a meeting could be arranged. As of now, the matter is tabled.

Wyoming State Hamfest: Tate, KA7O, stated that the hamfest is going to go off as planned.

Casper Planetarium Project update: Tate, KA7O, stated that no progress has occurred in this project to date. So presently, the project has been tabled.

Casper Marathon update: Tate, KA7O, stated that the marathon will occur on Sunday, June 5, 2011. The route would be the same as last year in spite of the fact the North Platte River was approaching flood stage. The members are to meet at the Casper Event Center around 6 AM. Bruce, KF7CFY, asked how difficult it would be to use a portable digipeater for this event. Discussion followed that indicated that it would not be necessary at this time to implement a new setup. Bruce, KF7CFY, committed an overhead projector in case the marathon committee did not have a wide screen TV there. Bruce, KF7CFY, also committed his Yaesu VX8R to be used as a tracker during the event. The club appreciated Bruce's generosity in the use of his equipment. Mike, AE7EC, wondered if this event being a club effort, should the club be responsible for any subsequent damage. Mike, KE7AZF, stated that this would be done on a case-by-case basis. Mike, KE7WQP, stated that he thought the club should reiterate to the marathon committee that only authorized amateurs should transmit on the equipment. Apparently, there was an incidence of unauthorized use. The club thought that a good idea. Bruce, KF7CFY, wondered if the club needed any more mobiles. The club felt that all the mobiles necessary were in place for this event.

Pony Express Re-ride committee update: Mike, KE7AZF, stated that a newspaper article concerning the Pony Express re-enactment revealed the event was being postponed due to a very contagious horse virus. The event has been moved back until sometime August, 2011.

Field Day Committee update: Mike, KE7WQP, stated that nothing has changed. The club appears to be ready for this event. Tate, KA7O, read a Natrona County Emergency notice, concerning the status of the North Platte River. Only the facilities at Edness Kimball Wilkins State Park are necessary for the field day event. Members may want to bring water, though.

Repeater update: Tate, KA7O, stated that the moving of the ECHOLINK and IRLP nodes are what we are talking about, not the actual repeaters. Tate also stated that the IRLP node was up and running at his house.

Clubhouse committee update: Presently, that project is tabled.

Letter of acknowledgement: This project is still in the works.

Threat to 70CM privilege: Tate, KA7O, stated that the American Radio Relay League was pretty much unaware of this threat until recently. Tate stated that a local ham club met with Representative King to inform him of the current ham's use of this band. The threat still exists.

Sale of Yaesu FT-1000D: The sale was halted due to technical difficulties. Presently, the sale has been tabled.

Digital capability of the W7VNJ radio station: This idea is still in the works. The State RACES may provide us with a modem, but that remains to be seen.

#### V. New business

Wyoming Medical Center involvement: Shawn, N7RRB, stated that the club may be getting involved with the Wyoming Medical Center in the future. Internal happenings within the hospital are going in that direction. This is still in the works, but it is looking good for a repeater being located on the hospital premises.

#### VI. Adjournment

As there was no further business for the club, Mike, KE7WQP, moved that the club meeting adjourn. Tate, KA7O, seconded the motion and the club voted to adjourn at 1948 MDT.