

The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ

Business Meeting Minutes

November 2, 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 November 2, 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
Pat*
Shawn – KF7OPS
Jay – W7DRJ
Mike – KE7WQP
Ben – KF7LFN
Kirk – KI7YY
Mike – AE7EC
Shawn – N7RRB
Gary – AE7LS
Andrea – KF7OPT

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. Jay, W7DRJ, seconded the motion and the club passed it unanimously.

IV. Old Business

Wyoming Medical Center repeater

Tate, KA7O, all issues that were brought up last meeting had been addressed.

Letter of Acknowledgement

Since last discussing this matter, Tate KA7O, has reported to the club that the place of business has either moved or is no longer in business. Bruce, KF7CFY, said that he would look into the matter before sending the completed letter to the rental business.

Digital capability for W7VNJ

The club continues to research the matter. Tate, KA7O, stated that the state organization is presently researching the matter with the protocol being PACTOR III. This project is still in the works.

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

Paul, K7RXC, stated that he had typed up the modification of the honorary membership concerning their voting rights as reflected in the vote last business meeting. The voting portion was retained as they have the vote, and the two changes concerning "initially" and "membership" were included in the write up. Later Jay brought up the bylaws concerning full membership during the new business portion of the meeting. There was a general discussion concerning various memberships. Kirk, KI7YY, moved that the board look into the problems with this and other bylaws, Mike, KE7WQP, seconded the motion and the club passed motion with one opposing vote by Jay, W7DRJ. The board will hold a meeting concerning these matters in the future.

SET involving the club

Mike, KE7AZF, thought a good scenario would be a call out to the various shelter sites. In this way we could test the communications ability between some of the sites. Mike also asked the membership: "How many have go kit?" This project is still in the works.

Possibility of the .235 repeater tower

The AM radio station has now completed its agreement with the club to purchase the tower for commercial radio service. The deal involves an installment payment schedule with which the club board agreed.

Discontinuation of the HF capability of the EOC transmitter

Tate, KA7O, stated that one item was not brought up in the last meeting minutes; that was the way the antenna came down due to a worker's inattention while up on the roof. Paul, K7RXC, apologized for excluding that part out of the minutes. It was Paul's thought that that was now actually club business. Tate stated that he has been in contact with Lt. Stu Anderson of the Natrona Sheriff's department concerning the replacement of the HF antenna. This process is still in progress. Mike, AE7EC, stated that a clubhouse for the CARC would help to alleviate some of the problems with inaccessible HF activity.

VE testing session

Tate, KA7O, stated that the next session of the VE's would be Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the Wireless Advanced Communications' conference room.

V. New business

Nominations for club president and club secretary

Kirk, KI7YY, nominated Josh, KA7JUN for club president. Jay, W7DR, nominated Kirk for club secretary. Mike, KE7AZF, explained that the nomination process continues following different avenues until the beginning of the December business meeting. Mike, AE7EC, was delighted that a member could turn down a nomination. He stated: "I am a happy man for life now." Jay, W7DRJ, brought the qualifications for president and his or her ability to attend and run the meeting. Paul, K7RXC, read the bylaw relating to the office of president and no where in it does it talk about the number of times an officer of the club needs to attend the meetings.

A possible trailer for the club

Mike, AE7EC, suggested that the club get a facility or trailer for the club. There was a general discussion concerning this matter, but no motion was brought before the club.

Future site for the .235 repeater

The possible site of the .235 repeater would be Brad's, KC7YRA, tower. The site will be solar-powered as well. The current site will be vacated this Saturday, November 5, 2011 and the installation to Brad's location will occur at a later date. The process is temporary as the site might go to Alcova. Tate, KA7O, stated that he had several repeater controllers that he was willing to part with.

Santa Claus net

Jay, W7DRJ, asked if the club would be doing the Santa Claus net. Mike, AE7EC and Kirk, KI7YY volunteered to do the net this year.

VI. Adjournment

As there was no further business for the club, Mike, KE7WQP, moved the club meeting adjourn. Kirk, KI7YY, seconded the motion and the club voted to adjourn at 2007 MST.