

The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ

September 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 MDT on September 7, 2011.

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.

Mike – KE7AZF, President
Paul – K7RXC, Secretary
Bruce – KF7CFY, Treasurer
Charles – N7RQW
Ben – KF7LFN
Mike – KE7WQP
Mike – AE7EC
Nora*
Don – KD7RPU*
Shawn – N7RRB
Shawn – KF7OPS
Larry – KD7QYF*
Kirk – KI7YY

III. Minutes from the last meeting

CARC Secretary, Paul, K7RXC, read the minutes from the last meeting. Bruce, KF7CFY, made a motion for the club to accept the minutes as read. Charles, N7RQW, seconded the motion and the club passed it unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Mike, KE7AZF, requested from Bruce, KF7CFY, an abbreviated treasurer's report. Bruce stated that the club had \$2,476.22, and \$10,000 plus in the investment plan. Mike, KE7WQP, asked what the time period was for the interest payment. Bruce said that it was quarterly. Kirk, KI7YY, made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, and Shawn, KF7OPS, seconded the motion. The club passed the motion unanimously.

V. Old Business

Pony Express Re-ride

Mike, KE7AZF, reported that the club participated in the Pony Express and other than one incident, it occurred incident free. Mike stated that he and his grandson had a letter in the Pony Express re-ride this year. Mike also stated that the letters were stamped with a notice concerning a delay due to the equine flu. According to Mike this was the 150th anniversary of the demise of the Pony Express, due to the trans-continental telegraph.

Wyoming Medical Center repeater

According to Paul, K7RXC, the auto patch problem was resolved, but erroneous transmission of the repeater continues. Bruce, KF7CFY and Shawn, N7RRB, did a little test before the meeting and determined that it was internal. Kirk, KI7YY, suggested a change in the PL tone might solve the problem. Paul, K7RXC, stated that that possible solution was discussed in the last business meeting.

Letter of acknowledgement

Mike, AE7EC, stated that the logo had been transmitted to the website, but that Tate, KA7O, had summarily removed it from the site. Mike, KE7AZF, requested a copy of the logo be sent to him. Mike, AE7EC, stated that he would. There was some discussion about the picture that was going to accompany it. Presently, the project appeared to be at a standstill.

Digital capabilities of W7VNJ

This project is still in progress.

Modification of the CARC honorary members' portion of the CARC bylaws

Mike, KE7WQP, stated that his motion for voting to keep it as it stood was still on the floor. Paul, K7RXC, stated that the process for modification was codified in the bylaws. It appeared that a ballot vote at a regular business meeting was necessary, with the three options being placed on the ballot. Kirk, KI7YY, requested that the modifications be read to the business meeting. Paul, K7RXC, read the various options to the bylaws to the body of the club. Bruce, KF7CFY, made a motion that the exploratory portion of the bylaw modifications be closed and that the secretary prepare a ballot for the next business meeting. Kirk, KI7YY, seconded the motion and the club voted unanimously to move forward with this vote.

RACES mobile emergency capabilities of W7VNJ

Mike, KE7AZF asked Mike, KE7WQP, what inspired him to bring that concern up. Mike, KE7WQP, said that a recent QST article covered that very issue. Kirk, KI7YY, suggested that the members of the club on a pre-determined day “bug out” with their go kits, set up antennae, and perform emergency radio operations. There was some discussion on Kirk’s suggestion and the club thought it a good idea.

VI. New business

Simulated Emergency Test

Mike, KE7AZF, suggested that a SET be arranged in the next month for a good number of the members. He was hoping a few ideas could be thrown out at the next activities meeting.

Re-visiting membership period

Kirk, KI7YY, brought up the membership period that was discussed last business meeting. A discussion followed but no definite outcome occurred.

Possible sale of the .235 repeater’s tower

According to Mike, KE7AZF, the club has been approached to sale the tower to a commercial radio concern that wants to turn it into an AM radio station. The board has been involved with the ongoing negotiations to this point. More details concerning this business transaction will follow. There was discussion concerning the possible re-location of the .235 repeater in the future.

VII. Adjournment

As there was no further business for the club, Mike, KE7WQP, moved that the meeting adjourn. Kirk, KI7YY, seconded the motion and club voted to adjourn 1954 MDT.

