

CARC Business Meeting – 1 Feb 2012

Meeting chair was offered to Josh, KA7JUN, who declined and offered the chair to Tate, KA7O
Meeting called to order at 1905 by Tate, KA7O

Members Present:

KF7CFY - Bruce
N7RRB - Shawn
KF7OPT - Andrea
N7RQW - Charles
Guest – Tammy
AE7LS – Gary
KF7LFN – Ben
KE7WQP – Mike
NK7H – Dan
KA7JUN – Josh
AE7EC – Mike
KF7OPS – Sean

No minutes available from last meeting. Anything anyone remembers we need to follow up on?

Dave Riegert, K7YE has been paid for all the repeaters, they are now ours. The check has been delivered.

New business?

Participation with the Girl Scouts for their 100th Anniversary:

Mike (KE7WQP) and Shawn (N7RRB) came out and helped with that event. Tate's wife, Heather (KE7AZH) helped out too. The person who'd planned to go to this event got sick and things sort of slipped. Activity was organized at the last minute. Tate received a phone call as he was coming back into Casper from Thermopolis and quickly organized. The CARC group showed up at the event about an hour later than originally planned. But due to the good support and participation, things went well. Tolly, the GS organizer from MT told us as we were leaving, "What have you guys done? I've had more people say they've learned so much from that one table." We had several Gscouts talking on the radio. Special kudos to Mike, KE7WQP for his good work on his HT with the scouts and keeping them talking! Shawn brought his new Arrow dual band antenna, was a good attraction. Josh mentioned July is a life Scouter and would be willing to help with such events in the future. One of the adult leaders is a school teacher and talked with Shawn about amateur radio in the class room (Paradise Valley).

Dan talked about a flyer or handout to share with new folks. Warren may have had a copy. There will be an effort made to get a copy of it posted to the discussion board.

Mike – AE7EC asked about the status of the HF antenna at the EOC.

No change, we've not yet heard back from Lt. Anderson whether he has funding or not.

Mike asked about where we may be with business cards to hand out to new/prospective hams. The club decision as best anyone at the meeting remembered, was that individuals wanting to do such a thing, were welcome to – but the club as a whole wasn't going to do an ID card or business card.

Mike – AE7EC, also asked for feedback on a club logo usage contract he'd posted on the discussion board.

On the discussion board there was talk about a “something” designating years of membership in the club. Maybe a feather pin, black feather for 5 years in the club. Mike mentioned about diamonds, silver things. Tate's reply include a comment about concern of folks creating 'official' looking documents, logos or IDs using the club's name and logo. In response, AE7EC wrote up a contract discussing and outlining appropriate use of the club logos. In response, it was suggested that instead of trying to over-legislate things as we had with the by-laws, instead we just understand who we are and what we do. Tate talked about instances in the past where hams have come on to a scene and presented as “we're here to save the day”. This is the behavior we're trying to avoid – especially if we start doing logs, hats, signs, patches and uniform looking stuff. The intent is to avoid creating a problem before it happens. Some of the posts on the board were read. Folks were invited to continue the discussion and add their input on the board. Andrea mentioned she really liked the feather idea, since our logo is a Raven (what she also calls a Dumpster Chicken).

Mike Magee (via the discussion board) asked if the Baufeng's are VX3-Rs, or are they made in the same factory? Mike, AE7EC replied that you download the programming software from <ftp.yaesu.com> – they are more than likely made in the same factory or are really good bootleg copies.

Floor was opened for anything from anybody.

Dan, NK7H asked about club dues – he was directed to Bruce, KF7CFY.

Josh and Tate talked about Josh's sale of his TS-2000. Bruce also expressed interest. Tate also offered a V7A to whoever may be interested. Mike, WQP discussed pricing for a TM-V7A and consulted Josh on that matter.

Dan asked about the radio room at the EOC and was shown the room.

Discussion centered around Kenwood dual-band radios. V7A, V71A

Bruce mentioned the club has received a refund from Rocky Mnt power for 2 months of service that had been paid in advance for the 235 site. The buyers had paid for November and December, so the club was refunded their balance.

Mike KE7WQP moved we close – second was offered – no discussion.

Meeting closed at 1925