

Meeting called to order at 19:15

In attendance:

Bruce MacDonald/KF7CFY

Michael Hopkins/AE7EC

Paul/K7RXC

Ken/K7PLA

Ben/KF7LFN

Charles/N7RQW

Tom/N7RQX

Shawn/N7RRB

Dwight/AE7YA

Old Business:

Mike Hopkins brought up the issue of the new meeting facilities, and further down the road the new club radio room. Tate Belden asked if Mike had a guestimation of when the club might be able to tour the new facilities. The need for the liability release was mentioned, also the need for signatories on the thank you letter, preferably before the next activities meeting, definitely before the next business meeting. Bruce confirmed that we were working on these things, so did Mike. Also a preliminary discussion ensued with Mike giving a brief description of the new facilities at 123 W. 1st. It was also brought up by Tate that we should use some of our investment money to outfit the new radio room.

Tate brought up the point that he would like to do some technician classes again. Would like permission from the club to buy ½ dozen student textbooks, and probably an instructors manual. Bruce chimed in and said he met some young feller in the elevator on the way to the meeting that was interested. After Mike asked about the possession of the books, it was affirmed the club would not be giving away these books, the student will have to buy the book. The motion to buy, was brought forward by Tate, seconded by Bruce, and passed on a voice vote.

Club membership dues were brought up. It was brought forth by Tate that he has been buying the club's domain, and dns hosting, that it cost more than the membership, and it was agreed to be refunded by providing him a full membership in exchange. It was generally agreed that this should be.

The new radio shack on Casper Mountain was brought up by Ken. Apparently it is there, and images were taken by him, on his smartphone. The phone was passed around, and discussion was had about how it was wired into the current facility. The new 6 Meter repeater was discussed in conjunction with this, and where it currently is. Tate said he needs to get it all to his house, so he can set up the controller. Ken also said it's something that he'd like to learn how to do. Providing internet access to the controller was also discussed. The voting controller for it was tagged as being at the Wireless Advanced Communications office. Description of more related equipment was discussed. Ken also said he would take over the responsibility for doing the back-haul linking.

Peter brought up the question if the club was looking at starting a library. Tate mentioned that it had, but only in passing. Peter requested that it be stocked, if possible, with materials from the ARRL for the aid of less than financially sound hams. It was mentioned that the Natrona County Public Library had

such manuals, but it was generally agreed it wasn't a complete collection, nor that it would be current with the financial state of affairs the NCPL has been suffering.

Last meeting was adjourned at 19:33

New Old Business:

Someone asked where the 6 meter repeater was located, and it was told by Ken that it was still down at the WAC shop, and that with Tate's authorization, he was working on the coordination of it.

Old minutes were accepted, but mumbled so I cannot pull out who motioned and seconded.

New Business:

Bruce MacDonald mentioned the club equipment that belonged to Mike Murphy (SK) that was down at the WAC shop. It was his desire to have it inventoried and listed. He also mentioned we need to move it out of there due to infringing on their space. He believes it would be a good idea for the club to rent a storage space to store this, and other things that may come along like it. Ben said it sounded like a good idea. Mike said he also like the idea of neutral territory for storage of club property, rather than having it in the possession of just one club member. Bruce gave a short, general description of what is currently at WAC, A short discussion on what kind of a price we were looking at ensued. Bruce thought about \$50.00 a month, Mike thought that was shooting a bit low. It was brought up that Bruce was currently renting a unit, a 12' x 24', for \$100 per month. A general enumeration of the clubs property, and where it was stored began, when what size unit we would need was brought up.

It was mentioned that perhaps we could beg storage space from our new host (MWTN Corp), but Mike said that he really didn't want to ask for more than we had been given already. Bruce thought that it would be a good idea to call around and check on storage, Mike mentioned that he would like Tate to consider all that was said first before committing to it. Mike said he could sniff around on a unit. It was also mentioned that we should leverage our 501(c)3 status to decrease the cost of a unit. Shawn said he'd look into one on 12th street.

Once again, regarding the storage idea, Mike said he would like it to be bounced-off Tate, and maybe Josh (it was also expressed how we would like to see Josh return to town).

Bruce brought up the story of Conrad Farnsworth/KF7QYA and his successful building of a Farnsworth Fusor (A type of fusion reactor). Mike mentioned that he had already contacted him over Facebook chat, and gave him an open invitation to come down to Casper for the club meetings. Mike also mentioned that he could come to the meetings and not have to put on a show, dissertation, or demonstration, but just be there for the sake of camaraderie.

The upcoming testing session at the hospital was brought up, and it was mentioned that even though the course had a high drop-out rate, that at least one tester should get her license, and the other 2 are questionable.

It was then motioned that the meeting be closed, and it was seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:40.