

## CARC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

08/07/13

Meeting called to order at 19:03

### **In attendance:**

Rolls not called on recording!

Tate Belden/KA70  
Bruce McDonald/KF7CFY  
Michael Hopkins/AE7EC  
Mike/KE7WQP  
Ken/K7PLA  
Ben/KF7LFN  
Dwight/AE7YA  
Shawn Mammon/N7RRB  
Dave/WB7ELB

### **Old Business:**

Bruce McDonald paid the P.O box rent, and the club agreed to reimburse him.

It was mentioned there was no quorum at the previous month's business meeting.

Ken reported that we were good to go regarding the placement of a c-can at the county firestation on Robertson Rd for storage. Bruce McDonald reported that he had not bought one yet due to the tax exemption paperwork had just finally made it to him. Bruce also reported that he found man-camp shacks for approx. \$1400. Tate told him to pursue the idea.

Tate reported that the repeater installation on the East side of Casper mountain was "off". He also reported that a couple of hams from Colorado had moved up here, and have their own repeater (not in use) that own a big chunk of land on Casper Mountain. They were excited to find out there were active hams in Casper. Tate told them we would assist them in getting their own repeater up. Mike Hopkins then mentioned that a link from the south side of the mountain to the supposed KC7SNO repeater going up on Laramie peak would be nice... however Tate had a wait and see attitude on the idea that they would actually get a repeater up.

Tate then mentioned we may have to hurry when we get notice, to save the repeaters on the mountain site, when the county moves their equipment into their new shed. It was also said the generator will stay with the old shack, but power may not. Several alternative power ideas were discussed, including wind, and solar.

It was then mentioned by Bruce that the Wyoming Public Radio shack on the west end, was available to us, and it was generally agreed upon that we put the 146.640 club repeater there.

Ken then told us about a few other repeater sites he was looking at.

Ken then brought up HSMM, and doing something with it.

Tate chastised a club member for doing storm chasing on the VHF, saying that was dangerous, and we did not need to hear that. However, he did congratulate another member, K7PLA for doing highly accurate spotting that helped the National Weather Service get good lead-time on a tornadic supercell. Difference being, Ken was moving only when he felt threatened, and was seeking to stay away from the storm, but still in visual range to relay accurate reports.

Business meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

### **New Business:**

Mike/AE7EC did not have the minutes of the last meeting done, as he was dealing with bereavement so old business was sketchy at best.

Bruce/KF7CFY was still dealing with getting our club's tax exempt status codified with the state. Tate said we'd assist him in any way possible.

Tate said the shipping container for the Robertson Road fire station storage is on it's way.

Tate then mentioned that the APRS system was having problems.

The next activity meeting was discussed where Shawn/N7RRB would give a talk and demo on HSMM Mesh / Broadband Hamband system he's been workng on. Facilitating the meeting was also discussed.

Shawn mentioned that some people would like to see a meeting held, or moved, to the weekends. Mike/AE7EC said he would look into the availability of our current meeting room on the weekends. Tate mentioned the possibility of using the EOC. Much was discussed, nothing was decided.

Bruce then gave some financial reports to the club. Other matter of finance were discussed. Including disposal of the payments from the sale of the old 235 site. It was generally agreed, that on receipt of payment, that we split the money evenly between the club's two stock portfolios. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.