

CARC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

07/03/13

Meeting called to order at 19:03

In attendance:

Roll not called on recording

Tate Belden/KA70
Bruce McDonald/KF7CFY
Michael Hopkins/AE7EC
Mike/KE7WQP
Ken/K7PLA
Ben/KF7LFN
Dwight/AE7YA
Shawn Mammon/N7RRB
Chuck/KF7ZKW

Old Business (from 05/01/13):

Tate asked if there was anything we could do to promote more use of the radio. Dwight mentioned he'd love to, but there was problems with his plasma TV. Mike (AE7EC) offered help at getting the IRLP node back up. Since the node wasn't down, the offer was declined.

At this point the conversation broke into several sub conversations, and the data was lost (QRM).

The SK report on K7KMT, Steve Fritz was given, and much reminiscing was done about his life and career.

New 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 end of Casper mountain was "off".

Tate reported that a couple of hams from Colorado had moved up here about 5 years ago, and have their own repeater (not in use) that own some land on Casper Mountain. They were excited to find out there were active hams in Casper. Tate told them we could assist 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. Tate had a "believe it when we see" attitude on the idea that they would actually get a repeater up. Discussion on CARC supporting that repeater was put off until actual progress had been made.

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.

KE7WQP motioned we adjourn, KA7O seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 18:04