

CARC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

11/06/13

Meeting called to order at 19:02

In attendance:

Tate Belden/KA70
Shawn/N7RRB
Michael Bond/KE7WQP
Ken/K7PLA
Dwight/AE7YA
Derek/(No Call)
Gary/AE7LS
Michael Hopkins/AE7EC
Ben/KF7LFN
Bruce/KF7CFY

Old Business:

The VE testing session on the 19th of October was brought up for the sake of the new faces we had at the meeting.

Ken mentioned the Hole-in-the-wall special event station was a bit “western” with all the wind blowing things about, but it was fun, and over 150 contacts were made. The ideas for a next special event station was brought up by Mike/AE7EC, suggesting that Fort Casper may make a good site. Ken mentioned the Mormon Handcart center may be a good place to have an event too.

A discussion of digital modes useful for EMCOMM then ensued, discussing PACTOR, v.s. NBEMS, and PSK31.

New Old Business:

After the meeting before the last that Mike Coley/KE7AZF announced his retirement from net control for the Sunday Night Net, Mike Bond/KE7WQP announced he would step up to be net control and it was motioned and seconded by the group.

It was announced that the new repeater site was in limbo due to semi-unreasonable constraints by the county, due in general to a lack of understanding on their part, and a lack of a physical address. The county continues to claim that our repeater tower and site is a “cell phone” or commercial tower, requiring re-certification, which is blatantly incorrect. This would suggest that the county is in violation of FCC PRB-1 (1985) regarding Federal preemption of state and Local Regulations Pertaining to Amateur Radio Facilities (full text at: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm?job=prb-1&id=amateur&page=1>).

It appears at this time that the move of the .640 repeater to the western location is now canceled due to some new management in the city.

.235 repeater progress is coming along.

Minutes were accepted as read.

New Business:

Nominations for club president and secretary were opened. Tate Belden/KA7O nominated Shawn Mammon/N7RRB for President, and Mike Hopkins/AE7EC nominated Ken Brown/K7PLA for that position. Mike Hopkins/AE7EC, for lack of anyone else stepping up to take the secretaries office was nominated for secretary.

The issue of “out of the gate” Extra Class operators getting licenses, and not going onto the air was mentioned. Tate said he may encourage people to not get their Extra Class licenses at their first exam. It was then mentioned that people do have different reasons for getting into amateur radio, not necessarily using it in traditional ways.

Hamnet was brought up again, this time via a write-in by Mike Coley/KE7AZF. He wanted to know what the current firmware was that was being used on WRT-54Gx routers for the local hamnet.

@19:38 Mike Bond/KE7WQP motioned that the meeting be closed, Mike Hopkins AE7EC seconded it. Motion carried by the body.

Meeting adjourned at 19:38