

8 January, 2014 – Casper Amateur Radio Club - W7VNJ

Called to order by Shawn - N7RRB

Gary - AE7LS

Ken - K7PLA

Mike - AE7EC

Ben - KF7LFN

Tate - KA7O

Bruce - KF7CFY

Charles - N7RQW

Paul - K7RXC

Mike - KE7WQP

Dwight - AE7YA

Lance - KF0HC

Reading of the last meetings's minutes.

Minutes of the past meeting were read and accepted as read.

Updates to old business:

- A. 6 meter repeater site – (Someone?) asked Ken, K7PLA if there were any updates on the site. The county electrician has been to the site for a survey and determined it has a 65 amp service on it which will not pass current county code. That will all have to be updated to a 125 or 200 amp service. But, since it's snowed, he can't get an electrician to the site. If he can get an electrician to sign off on the work, they can hook things up. County is still stipulating the site needs to pass a structural inspection but due to weather, that can wait until August. So, now we can have usage of everything and if we could get the power turned on, we could be running tomorrow. Ken just needs to find an electrician that will cooperate and is willing to visit the site in the snow.

Ken was again thanked for his continuing efforts on this site.

- B. VE Session
Tate, KA7O reported we had 2 candidates at the test session. 1 passed to Tech and 1 passed to General.

Call for New Business

- A. Bruce reports he needs to be reimbursed for the locks he bought for the Sea-Can. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that Bruce be reimbursed for the purchase of the locks. Bruce will present the receipts and write a check for the correct amount and bring the check to one of the other signatory officers for signing. He expects it to be about \$50.00.
- B. Mike, AE7EC asked for a set of Lithium triple 'A' batteries for the recorder. Tate asked him to meet up and he'd take care of that for him.

- C. Lance, KF0HC asked how to find the listing for state repeaters on the club web site. Tate responded with the 2 ways to find things using links and the search function. Shawn mentioned there are several listing of repeaters. Tate also asked for anyone that is interested in helping out to create an account and edit pages. Tate also mentioned the discussion boards and the email reflector.
- D. Ken, K7PLA asked about family memberships in the club. He was told that had been discontinued awhile ago.
- E. Paul, K7RXC mentioned we might see the Aurora Borealis in the next few days. And that 10m was active.

Mike, KE7WQP moved to close the meeting, seconded and accepted.

**Bruce mentioned he wanted to let us know the financial status of the club,
The meeting was re-opened.**

- F. The checking account has: 9155.94 - the American fund has: 6108.71, it's gained \$1108.00. the mail for the other funds is going to Mike, KE7AEC and we don't have that report. Paul asked if Denis had paid the .235 site installment. Bruce said Yes, he was right on time.
- G. Tate, KA7O moved that Bruce evaluate the 3 funds and deposit the \$5000 installment check in whichever of the 3 has had the highest yield.
- H. Ken asked if under our charter there was a maximum amount of money we could make. Tate responded with yes - we can make up to \$25K annual.
- I. Mike AE7EC requested that since the club is 'flush', we change the annual membership dues from \$20 to \$10 a year. That item was referred to the board for further discussion.
- J. Dwight mentioned that something should be part of that discussion for the board is liability insurance. It was mentioned that we could buy per event insurance through the League and that ARRL affiliated hamfests automatically have some protection. Tate mentioned the club had looked at buying liability insurance through the league many years ago (10 years?). At that time, the first month's premium would have depleted the club's annual budget. We don't know what the current rates are. Paul asked if it had ever been a problem. To date we've never had a problem requiring an insurance claim. Tate mentioned the board might consider a liability waiver as a condition of membership in the club and then consider per event insurance as needed.
- K. Shawn asked Bruce to collect members email addresses when they pay their dues. Bruce suggested we just setup a club email address for each member. Several indicated they didn't want another address and a few didn't have I-net access.
- L. Tate asked Bruce for a current membership roster as soon as was possible after no further new memberships were accepted.

Mike - AE7EC moved to re-close the meeting, 2nd by Paul - no objection, meeting closed.