1st October, 2014 – Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ – Business Meeting Minutes

Called to order @ 19:00 by Shawn - N7RRB

Tate – KA7O
Brad – No Call
Bruce – KF7CFY
Charles – N7RQW
Lance - KF0HC
Dwight - AE7YA
Paul - K7RXC
Gary - AE7LS
Mike - AE7EC
Ben - KF7LFN
Ken - K7PLA

Old Business:

A. AE7EC mentioned that he heard from N7CSO that KC7SNO, the ShyWy Club was looking to get the Sherman Hill repeater linked to Copper Mountain, to get them on Wyocomm.

B. Ken, K7PLA, mentioned that he talked to Gene of Range Solar and Wind about power sources for remote sites, and backup power. Said that he may attend a future meeting. Mike mentioned a bit on how the solar at his house works, mentioning that it is grid tied, thus unsuitable for backup. He also mentioned the new panels are 240 Watt, and his older ones were 180 Watt. He also mentioned that wind turbines are more expensive, and less reliable than solar.

C. Talk of getting an engineer to sign off on the new Casper Mountain tower was broached by K7PLA, and much was discussed about how hard it was to get the needed report. Also that the tower is going to be rebuilt in place, next summer, was mentioned.

D. Shawn, N7RRB said that it was decided at the board meeting that the club would buy a mobile dual band rig with cross-band capability, to give us a mobile repeater.

New Business:

A. Shelving in the c-can was broached again.

B. Dwight mentioned the .805 Copper Mountain 2 meter antenna was "trashed".

C. Ken said he would have a local structural engineer sign off on the new 145.460 repeater tower. He also mentioned that if the county pulled the power meter as a punitive measure, since an electrician signed off that the electrical equipment in the building was "improved", that there would be some serious issues regarding homeland security, and perhaps some international treaties.

D. Tate motioned that the club buy some crystal radio kits for the general membership. It was seconded, and passed unanimously.

E. **Meeting was closed at 19:53.**