

April 4th, 2018 Casper Amateur Radio Club Minutes

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Introductions:

Kevin-WY7KEV

Mike-AE7EC

Gary-WY7ET

Shawn-N7RRB

Charles-N7RQW

Peter-N7TDJ

Mel-KJ7KK

Mike-KE7WQP

Lee-AE7SF

Mike-KE7AZF

Minutes from the March 7th, 2018 meeting were read. Kevin moved to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Shawn. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Activity Meeting

Joe was unable to do the activity meeting for March due to personal reasons, so he will be doing it this month. Lee would like to plan for activity meetings a few months in advance, so if something happens, we have a back up, and he is not having to find someone last minute. Frank will bring in some stackable boxes that can be used for portable use, like field day, in May. In June, we may do some last minute prep work for Field Day. Shawn also brought up we may be doing something for the marathon, but it has not been confirmed yet. Later on in the meeting, Mel said he could do an activity meeting on components. It was decided he would do that in July.

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Frank asked if Kevin's attorney is still willing to be our agent. Kevin said he is.

SOTA

Kevin said he had talked to Wyoming Public Radio and TV about their site on Copper Mountain. The site is located on a school section, so it is public. However, the road is private ranch. The college and others who access it pay a trespass fee to the rancher who owns it. The electronic sites have security cameras, so we will need to let them know when we will be there. As for clean up, there is a lot of stuff outside the buildings, so it will be hard to tell what is trash and what's not. The 805 site should be clean already. Frank thought Tate said he knows the person to talk about access, and would be talking

to them. As for the clean up, as long as we pick up what we know to be garbage, like empty food bags, we should be okay.

DR1X Firmware Update

Shawn said he has not done anything with the repeaters yet. He also said he sent his 3 year old FT2 in to be fixed, and all he had to pay was for shipping one way.

WYAME

Frank talked about the meeting he went to in Riverton. They talked about Fusion and showed a YouTube video on it. Frank also talked about the food and the one vendor that was there. Frank said there was a good turnout, with about 40 folks that showed up. Frank suggested doing a lunch in here in Casper.

New Business

Post Office Box Problems

Robert Rennard, N7WY, sent his membership dues to the post office box, but it was rejected by the post office for failure to pay for the box. Frank went down and found out what was wrong and how to fix it. He got the forms and gave them to Dwight to get the box paid for. Frank said that when a box gets closed, it costs \$22 to reopen it, plus \$120 for a year to have it. As well as \$9 for a key. The total was \$151. Shawn asked if there was a charge for it on the bank account. Frank said Dwight could not find one.

Pony Express Re-Ride

Dwight asked Frank to bring up the re-ride, and asked if anyone would like to participate this year. The dates for the re-ride are June 20-30, with the riders coming through Wyoming Monday, June 25th, and leaving the state Wednesday, June 27th. The re-ride will be going from Sacramento California to St. Joseph Missouri. Mel asked about doing a special event station at the trails center. There was some discussion, but nothing was decided.

Field Day

Field Day will be on June 23rd through the 24th. Frank asked if anyone would like to coordinate field day this year. Peter said there is a parking lot beside the special needs school near Washington Park. Frank said he was pretty sure he could get the parking lot if we wanted. Kevin said some other options are Edness Kimball Wilkins State Park, as well as Fort Caspar, at the fort itself. There is also the options of Casper Mountain and Muddy Mountain. Mike-EC asked if East End Park on Casper Mountain has reopened yet. It has not. A lot of folks like the idea of going out to EKW. Kevin said he would talk to the superintendent at the park about going out there. Mike-EC also talked about using Fremont Canyon bridge. There was also talk about using a man lift as an antenna mast, like we have in the past. There was also talk about using the fairgrounds site we have

used in the past, as well as the sheriff's office annex/substation and the chapel. Frank is going to talk to the fairgrounds about the use of the chapel, Mike-WQP will talk to the sheriff's office about the use of there building at the fairgrounds, and Kevin will talk to EKW, and we will vote on it at the next business meeting. Mike-WQP also talked about going out to Midwest.

FT857D

Lee asked if anyone had a FT857D. There were some questions on what radio that was. After some checking, everyone knew what radio Lee was talking about. Lee said he had one and thought about bring it in. Frank said please do.

HF Activity

Peter asked who was doing HF. The reason was Mike-AZF got him hooked on a new digital mode called JT8. Mike-AZF and Peter was volunteered/told to do an activity meeting on it in August.

Memberships

Mike-AZF asked that since Dwight was not at the meeting, how does someone pay dues. Frank said he could give his money to a club officer and they will give it to Dwight. Mike also talked about a membership for Tim Bachmeier, AB7BJ. Peter Motioned for Tim to receive a lifetime membership, seconded by Mike-AZF. After some discussion, the motion was put to a vote, and passed unanimously. Mike-AZF will deliver his card. Shawn will make him a certificate.

Being no further business, Charles moved to adjourn, seconded by Peter. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.