

February 7th, 2018 Casper Amateur Radio Club Minutes

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Introductions:

Mel-KJ7KK

Charles-N7RQW

Mike-AE7EC

Lou-KF7BLV

Mike-KE7WQP

Shawn-N7RRB

Lee-AE7SF

Frank-WY0WDR

Tate-KA7O

Dwight-AE7YA

Mary Lynn-KF7ZKV

Kevin-WY7KEV

Minutes from the December 6th 2017 meeting were read first, as they were not available in January. Lou motioned to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Shawn. Motion carried. Minutes from the January meeting were read. Tate moved to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Shawn. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

501c3 or 501c4: Mary Lynn offered to help with the incorporation of the club. Tate would like to talk to her first to make sure she knows what is going to be involved with the process. Tate made a motion to let Mary Lynn take on the task if she still wants to after talking with Tate, Seconded by Mike-EC. Motion carried.

.940 Repeater Link: Link is back up and running. .805 link was taken down due to improper use possibly.

Winter Field Day: Kevin talked about winter field day. The band conditions were bad, but those that went had fun. Mel Talked to W1AW. Kevin would like to see more operators. Kevin gave Dwight the receipts for the event, totaling a little over \$70.

Activity Meeting: Shawn will be going over repeaters this month, as planned. Meeting will be at the old board room at WMC.

NEW BUSINESS:

Insurance: Shawn Pointed out we needed to renew our insurance, due in April. Current rate is \$300. Tate motioned to renew at the current rate, seconded by Charles. Motion carried.

Baofeng Radios: Tate said he had been approached twice in the last month to program some radios with everything. He reminded everyone to be careful about programming these radios if the person wanting the programming is not a ham.

Dues: Dues are open if anyone is interested. They will be open all year.

Wyoming HamCon: The website for hamcon is up at wyominghamcon.org. Early bird registration starts February 15th. Registrations received before April 15th will be entered into a drawing for an Amazon Echo Dot. There is a flier on the discussion board and an email was sent out to the reflector.

Wyoming Ham Adventure Meeting: Frank talked about the meeting that was held in Riverton. Next meeting maybe in March. Frank also talked about what he had heard about summits on the air (SOTA) while at the Wyoming ham adventure meeting.

Summits On The Air (SOTA): Tate brought up the idea of activating Copper Mountain for SOTA in July or August. The reason Tate suggested Copper Mountain is of the high RF environment to help challenge your equipment. Also, as an amateur community, go up and help clean up the area as there is a lot of junk and garbage up there. There was discussion on how to get up there. Lou said he would coordinate some stuff from our side.

Sea-Can: Dwight asked if we had anything in writing saying it is okay to have the sea-can out at station 7 on Robertson Road. Lou said there was nothing in writing. Shawn stated they had asked about doing a letter while meeting with the chief and assistant chief last year, and they said not to worry about it. As long as we are respectful, they are okay that it is there.

Severe Weather Spotter Class: Mike-WQP pointed out that there will be a weather spotter class on April 24th at 6:00 pm. The class will be at the EOC at 201 North David Street on the 2nd floor. Mike-WQP will send an email out on the reflector. There may also be a class in Midwest, but nothing has been set yet.

There being no further business, Tate made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike-WQP. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.