

July 11th, 2018 Casper Amateur Radio Club Minutes

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Introductions

Mike-AE7EC

Gary-WY7ET

Frank-WY0WDR

Dwight-AE7YA

Mary Lynn-KF7ZKV

Mel-KJ7KK

Tate-KA7O

Mike-KE7WQP

Larry-WA9ZDT

Derek-KG7HPT

Minutes from the June 2nd, 2018 meeting were discussed. Frank moved to except the minutes, seconded by Tate. Motion carried.

Old Business

Pony Express Re-Ride

Dwight said the Pony Express was escorted through Natrona County. It took between 12-13 hours total. Frank took one half, and Jay, W7DRJ, did the other half. Dwight said they got to Saint Joseph Missouri 4 and a half hours later then they were scheduled. Dwight said the only amateur radio support was in Nevada and Natrona County. There was no support in Kansas. Dwight said he was going to check and see if we are needed anymore or not. Dwight also said the Pony Express would like us to start, or stop, 150 miles to the west. Dwight said all in all, it went well.

Field Day

Tate said 2 antennas were set up and everything went okay. Tate said the VE session went well, with only one candidate who tested and got his Technician license. Tate also said that all electronic devices that was under water recovered on their own. Mel said he could hear 5 countries in South America, as well as 7 provinces of Canada. He was unable to work them however, due to the band conditions. Mel also said he could hear all 50 states, but that was because of propagation. Frank said almost every time Mel threw the club's call sign out, he would get a contact. Frank also said that Peter brought a couple of monitors and a WiFi router to help with logging contacts. Mel and Frank said that worked very well. Frank also said that Derek did well with PSK at 5 watts. Frank said the only thing that could have been better is if there had been a generator there. There was talk about the club renting a generator next year so no one feels they

have to bring one. Frank said he would like us to talk about it more in March and April. Frank said the team work was awesome. Tate said this was first year we were ready before the start time.

Vice President

Frank asked for nominations for vice president. Tate nominated Mel for the office of vice president. Tate advised of what the job entails. The nomination was seconded by Mike-WQP. Mel accepted the nomination. Frank asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, Tate asked for a motion to close nominations. Dwight so moved, seconded by Mary Lynn. Motion Carried. Because Mel was the only nominee, he won by acclamation. Congrats to Mel.

Service Monitor

Tate said he has ordered a IFR 1200 Super S with tracking generator. Frank said that if it is here by the activity meeting to please bring it in. Tate said it would happen at some point and not to worry. Tate also said that when it arrives he is going to pull it out, turn it on, and make sure it works correctly. Frank said that once it arrives the club will make sure he is reimbursed.

New Business

Steve, N7BZZ Antenna Issue

Mel said he went over to check out Steve's antenna. Mel said the electrician hired to set it up ran a wire to a power pole and damaged the antenna. Tate asked if we needed to get a group together to go over and help get a new antenna up. Mel said no, that he and Steve were already taking care of it. Frank also said that Steve did not want a lot of help, he wanted to try and be independent.

Frank quickly introduced Larry, who had checked into the net a few times. Larry talked a little bit about himself.

VE Test Session

Tate said that Tim Bachmeier had someone that wanted to test, but would need help getting to an exam. Tate explained what needed to happen to make it okay with the VEC's. There was also talk about a few other people wanting to test. The next test session will be either in the middle of August or middle of September. The test will be on a Saturday.

July Activity Meeting

Mel said he was supposed to do a presentation this month, but he did not have all the supplies he needs yet. He asked if someone could do something in his place. Frank said

he could do something this month. It was pointed out that the activity meeting was going to be next week.

There being no further business, Tate moved to adjourn, seconded by Mike-WQP.

Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7:36 PM.