

November 7th, 2018 Casper Amateur Radio Club Minutes

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Introductions

Lou-KF7BLV

Frank-WY0WDR

Tate-KA7O

Gene-KN4AUJ

Derek-KG7HPT

Wilson Watson-No Call

Kevin-WY7KEV

Charles-N7RQW

Michael-KE7WQP

Steve-N7BZZ

Doug-KM6MTF

Minutes from the October 3rd, 2018 meeting were discussed. Charles moved to approve the minutes as discussed, seconded by Gene, Motion carried.

Old Business

TS-2000

Kevin said the digital recording board has been installed. Kevin pointed out the power supply for the radio does not belong to us, but to the county. Kevin said he went ahead and ordered a power supply for the radio. Kevin also said he went ahead and bought a case for the TS-2000 for when we move it for events, like field day. Kevin said that when he tested the radio, after changing the bands a few times, the radio would “lock up”, and he would have to power it down and reboot it. Kevin said he replaced the battery in the radio, but has not had a chance to test it since. Charles moved to reimburse Kevin for the power supply and case, Seconded by Gene. After some discussion, it was decided to wait until the next business meeting so we can see the receipts before reimbursing Kevin.

VE Test Session

The VE test session was held on October 6th. Two people showed up to test, and passed their technicians test. Congrats to them. After the test session, the VE team went to Tate's house and had a hands on filing class to learn how to put the forms in the correct order the way the ARRL wants them. Frank did say he thinks the folks who tested should have their licenses by now, but he is not sure.

Scout Jamboree

Kevin said they had seven youth and adult participants, five licensed amateurs, four visitors, and made 21 total contacts. Kevin said some issues were discovered with some of the antennas. Kevin said this is why you need to have back up equipment and supplies. Kevin said he thinks the problems may have been from the antennas not being grounded, so he will bring the equipment needed to ground them in the future.

New Business

New Server Hardware

Tate wanted it to be known that he is not leaving the club. He doesn't know how the rumor started, but to squash it. He wants to untangle himself so everyone doesn't call on him, and everyone else can start doing stuff, which he would like to see. Tate also said he had new server hardware, so the website will be up and down until he gets everything done. Tate said the new server had 152 gig of ram, so it will run a lot better. Tate said he will also not be maintaining the site, so other people will need to help maintain the site. When the migration is done, Tate will need people to go through and make sure the pages are correct, and maintain it. Tate said he will train people who are uncomfortable with doing any changes to the website, but he will not be doing them anymore.

Need a New Meeting Location

Tate said that sometime after the first of the year, the hospital will be working on making the old board room the new EOC for there. Therefore, we need to find a new meeting location. Frank said he thinks we can get a room through the school district somewhere. Frank said he is sure he can get a place, it just may take a little while. Frank said he will try and give an update by the next meeting. Tate will keep us updated about the room as well.

Elections

It was pointed out that it was time for elections for the club. We have been off track some because of folks leaving. There were questions on which officers were up. Mike-WQP, read the By-Laws of the club about elections. Those that are up this time are Vice-President and Treasurer. It was also pointed out that anyone who is nominated, must accept the nomination first. Mike-WQP said he will look and see who is eligible and will try and let everyone know by the weekend after the meeting. It was asked why we even needed to do an election, since the Vice-President and Treasurer were elected with in the last year. Frank said it was because they were elected to finish out the term of that office.

November Activity Meeting

Lou pointed out that the activity meeting for this month is the day before Thanksgiving. He asked if anyone was going to be here, or do we even want to have an activity meeting this month. After some discussion, Mike-WQP moved to cancel the activity meeting for this month, seconded by Charles. Motion carried. The next meeting will be the December business meeting.

Holiday/Christmas Party

Lou asked if anyone would be interested in doing a Christmas/holiday party for the December activity meeting. The December activity meeting will be on the 19th. After some discussion, Lou moved to have a Christmas dinner, seconded by Charles. Motion carried. Lou said he will coordinate the dinner. Frank said he will help with any of the planning if needed. It was also pointed out you can bring a guest.

There being no further business, Charles moved to adjourn, seconded by Lou. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7:38 PM