

October 3rd, 2018 Casper Amateur Radio Club Minutes

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

Introductions

Kevin-WY7KEV

Mary Lynn-KF7ZKV

Michael-KE7WQP

Gene-KN4AUJ

Derek-KG7HPT

Dwight-AE7YA

Mel-KJ7KK

Lee-AE7SF

Steve-N7BZZ

Wilson Watson-No Call

Minutes from the September 5th, 2018 meeting were discussed. There being no objections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Old Business

501c4

Dwight said we have our new EIN and the form to operate as a 501c4 has been filed, as of Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018. Dwight said he talked to his tax accountant, and was advised there shouldn't be any problems moving funds, as long as we are moving them from one charitable organization to another. Dwight said there maybe some problems, but we will have to wait and see. Dwight said we should know in the next 60 days that the IRS got all the paperwork that was sent in and if it is all correct or not. Dwight said we would have to change the EIN number on some accounts, if possible.

TS-2000

Kevin said he has asked for to get the TS-2000 to install the digital recording board and the DC power cable, since it has not happened yet. Kevin did send a reminder to Tate the day before, but had not heard from him by the meeting. Frank said he would be willing to go and get the radio, he just didn't know who to talk to. Michael asked if Tate had picked up the radio yet. To Kevin's knowledge, he had not, but he was not sure. Michael offered to go down and get it. Frank said he wanted to go with, so he would call tomorrow (Thursday, October 4th, 2018), and set up an appointment to meet with Lieutenant Harlin with Emergency Management. Kevin also brought up the lack of access to the radios, checking antennas, and everything else. Mel pointed out that we would have problems checking antennas because the roof is a secure area. Kevin said that if the county wants our stuff to work, we need to be able to access it and sure it works, at least yearly. Dwight asked if this was something the ARES group could help with. Kevin was not sure because it's our equipment. After some discussion, it was decided that during the meeting, we would talk to emergency management about access to the equipment

HAM-CON

Gene went to the convention in Rock Springs. There was not a lot to share. The presentations were good, the concessions were not. Gene did not win the grand prize, but he did win a bunch of other prizes. Frank said he talked to Ralph, N7AOK, at the Big Horn Basin Club's picnic, to ask about ARES and see if those that have signed up are on the list ready to go. Bob Overton, WA7JRF, is the state emergency coordinator. Ralph sends the paperwork to him. From there, we are but on a call out list. Other than that, we don't get notifications. The ARRL aims to change that by having a database to hold that information, so people can look up there information and see if they are members of ARES, or not. Another way to help show you are interested is by checking into the ARES net on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM local time on frequency 3.9235.

Big Horn Basin Amateur Radio Club Picnic and Camp Out

Frank and Shawn, N7RRB, went to the camp out and picnic at Medicine Lodge. The food was good, and fun was had by all. Frank said he would like to see us do something like it at some point. Just get together, have fun, and play radio. There were people from all over the state, as well as from other states there. Frank said he plans on going next year.

Treasure's Report

Kevin pointed out that we have a lot of money in the checking account. No one he knows keeps that much money in a checking account. Kevin said he thinks some of those funds should be placed in an investment account. Kevin said that if done, the return on investment should cover our bills every year. With the funds sitting in a checking account, it gets no interest, it's just sitting there. Dwight said some funds have been moved over to an investment account since the report went out. Dwight said he didn't want to push it till we get our footing back firm enough. Dwight said we may have to do all new investments and checking accounts, but he just doesn't know yet. Dwight also shared, that to avoid a \$16/month service charge, we must have a certain amount in the account. By doing so, we have a 3.8%/year expense avoidance. Something we might be able to do, once we get everything taken care of, is change banks. Dwight said our best year with our investment account was in 2017, which was 13%.

New Business

Emergency Preparedness Day

Dwight pointed out that Tate sent an email out last month about an emergency preparedness day the Red Cross was doing at the Boys and Girls Club. The email went out, but nothing else had been done. After some checking we needed to call and let them know we were interested. Note: Frank sent out an email the next day saying the event had been canceled.

Scout Jamboree

Mel Asked about the scout jamboree. Kevin said the jamboree will be on the weekend of October 19th and 20th, at the Boy Scouts of America building, 3939 Casper Mountain Road. Kevin had been asked to provide the activity for it. Setup will start around 4:30 PM on the 19th, and go to 9:00 PM. On Saturday, start at 9:00 AM, and go to 4:30 PM, depending on how many people show up. Kevin also said that if anyone comes to help, you will fall under BSA rules and regulations, meaning if you smoke, you cannot smoke in front of the scouts.

VE Test Session

Frank was asked to pass along that there was going to be a test session on Saturday, October 6th, 2018, at 2:00 PM. The session will be held in the Old Board Room, in the Support Services Building, at Wyoming Medical Center. (The room we hold our business meetings in.) Lee asked about the new credentials for the VE's. Frank had not heard anything. Frank said Tate was going to send it in, but was not sure if he had or not.

There being no further business, Michael moved to adjourn, seconded by Lee. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7:55 PM.