

January 2nd, 2019 Casper Amateur Radio Club Minutes

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Introductions

Kevin- WY7KEV

Mike H.- AE7EC

Gary- WY7ET

Frank- WY0WDR

Mel- KJ7KK

Michael B.- KE7WQP

Gene- KN4AUJ

Jay- W7DRJ

Derek- KG7HPT

Wilson Watson- No Call

Minutes from the December 6th, 2018 meeting were discussed. There being no objections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Old Business

New Server Hardware & TS 2000

Tabled

New Meeting Location

Mike-EC said the map on the club website was helpful, but the directions were not because English Avenue used to dead end at a pipe yard, but not anymore.

501c4

The 501c4 is done. We have a different EIN (Employer Identification Number) number, that is current for a 501c4. The EIN number has been changed on the investments as well. Also, the Wells Fargo account has been closed, and an account has been opened at Hilltop National Park. There are no chargers or minimums with the new account, unless the club writes over 200 checks a month. Jay asked what the difference is between a 501c3 and a 501c4. Frank explained what the differences are. Jay asked if the 501c3 was retrievable. Frank said it was possible, but the books were not done or messed up, so it was easier to get a 501c4. Jay also asked if we have the old books. Frank said he was not sure, but we probably do.

New Business

Membership Dues

Because Dwight was not at the meeting, it was decided to wait till the next meeting to accept membership dues. Frank also pointed out that you can mail your dues to the club's PO Box.

Bylaw Changes

Kevin did some investigating and talked to his lawyer. Kevin said the bylaws are written to protect those are and are not at the meetings. Kevin said the club took a vote and decided in effect suspend the rules. Kevin said the way it was done causes a problem because if you suspend the rules for one, then the rules are suspended for everyone. Kevin said we suspended the rules during elections. Because of this, everyone should have been eligible and we didn't allow that to happen. Kevin said that in effect, we violated the bylaws. Kevin said that we cannot suspend the rules for just one person. Kevin said it was because we voted at the December 2017 meeting to have a variance to the Quartermaster because the position of Quartermaster is not related to the meetings or how they are ran. Kevin said that we needed to fix the bylaws and then re-hold elections. Frank asked who was affected. Kevin said it affected everyone at the meeting on December 5th, 2018. Kevin said it was because Lou was elected to Quartermaster, even though he had not been at the required 9 meetings. Mike-WQP pointed out that Lou was elected to his position at the December 2017 meeting, and he was not up for reelection at the December 2018 meeting. Mike-WQP also pointed out that Lou had said he had not been at the required meetings. Frank had made a motion, seconded by Dwight at the December 2017 meeting a variance for the position of Quartermaster, and that the motion passed. Frank asked if Kevin was objecting to the election of Vice President. Kevin said he objecting to the elections held last month for Vice President because the "The rules were violated". Frank asked Kevin if we should hold elections over again. Kevin said that we suspended the rules for everyone so everyone was eligible to run. Mike-WQP pointed out the variance was just for the position of Quartermaster. Kevin said we cannot suspend the rules for one person person which is what the club did at the December 2107 meeting. Kevin said he was not for the bylaw changes in the first place in regards to the 9 month rule. Mike-WQP pointed out that the vote in December 2017 could be argued that was a change to the bylaws and the bylaws have not been updated on the club's website to show the change. Kevin said that's fine, but that he still objects to the election. Kevin said he sees a problem here that needs to be addressed. After further discussion, it was decided to form a committee to go over the bylaws. Those on the committee are Frank, Mel, Mike-WQP, and Kevin.

Field Day

Mike-WQP pointed out that Field Day will be the weekend of June 22nd and 23rd. He asked if we wanted to start planning now or wait. Jay said it wouldn't hurt to start looking places where we haven't been before. Frank asked if anyone would be interested in finding a place. There was talk of going to Muddy Mountain and Bear Trap. Frank said he got an email from Stacia Hill with Emergency Management asking why we had stopped meeting at the EOC. Frank explained why we had stopped meeting there. Jay said he was willing to go and talk to Sheriff Holbrook and get his feelings about meeting there. Frank said he has already talked to the folks there and we are more then welcomed to meet there. Frank also talked about antenna and coax issues at the EOC.

There was also talk about the use of the room outside of the EOC when the Sheriff's Office has an investigation. Mike-WQP brought up the idea of using the state Homeland Security trailer that has the RACES radios in it and setting up at the Shrine Club beside Casper Fire-EMS Station 2. There was also talk about using the EOC. After some discussion, Frank and Mike-WQP will talk to Lt. Harlin with Emergency Management, Mike-WQP will talk to the Shrine club and Assistant Chief Mark Harshman about using the RACES radios and the parking lot for the Shrine Club. Mel will talk to the different news outlets as well to get the word out. Frank said he would like us to vote a location in March, that way we can pay for it if we need to.

There being no further business, Mike-WQP moved to adjourn, seconded by Gene.
Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7:59 PM