

## **The Casper Amateur Radio Club – W7VNJ**

### **Business Meeting Minutes**

May 4, 2011

#### **I. Call to order**

The CARC President, Mike Coley, KE7AZF, called to order the monthly business meeting of the Casper Amateur Radio Club at 1900 MDT on May 4, 2011 at the Natrona County Emergency Operations Center.

#### **II. Attendance Roster**

The following persons were present. Note: Asterisk indicates an associate member or a visitor. Per club by-laws meeting are opened to the public, but only full members in good standing are allowed to vote on club business.

Mike – KE7AZF, President  
Tate – KA7O, Vice President  
Paul – K7RXC, Secretary  
Bruce – KF7CFY, Treasurer  
Steven – WY7W  
Mike – KE7WQP  
Chuck – KF7GNB  
Shawn – KF7OPS  
Kirk – KI7YY  
Mike – AE7EC  
Ben - KF7LFN

#### **III. Minutes from the last meeting**

As CARC Secretary, Paul, K7RXC, had no printed copy of the minutes at the meeting, Tate, KA7O, read the minutes from the posted copy on the website. Mike, KE7WQP, made a motion for the club to accept the minutes as read. Kirk, KI7YY, seconded the motion and the club passed it unanimously.

#### **IV. Old Business**

Dave's, N0AXE, equipment disposition committee update

As Josh, KA7JUN, and Bruce, KF7CFY, have not met, this item of old business continues to be tabled.

## Wyoming State Hamfest

Tate, KA7O, stated that the hamfest is on pace to be held the first weekend of June, as previously stated. Tate said that Brad, KC7YRA, is scheduled to do a presentation on how to scan WYOLINK, and Tate will be doing one on FLDIGI.

## Casper Planetarium Project

As Jay, W7DRJ, was not present at the meeting, an update was not immediately available. Mike, KE7AZF, stated that he had been in contact with Jay, and that a new direction in our involvement with the Planetarium might be necessary. Kirk, KI7YY, suggested the club do meteor scatter contacts during that evening's event. Mike, KE7AZF, thought a school contact with the International Space Station was also a good idea. The club thought these good ideas for future involvement, as well.

## Marathon Update

Tate, KA7O, stated that he has been in contact with the Marathon committee and he thought that the event would need at least three trackers. Tate stated that he would like to get in touch with those who have the appropriate equipment, and who would allow the marathon to use their equipment to talk to him after the meeting or to e-mail him in the future. The need for an overhead projector was discussed. Bruce, KF7CFY, stated that he had such a projector at home. The date of the marathon is Sunday, June 5, 2011.

## Pony Express re-ride update

Mike, KE7AZF, stated that as the event is still very much in the future, there had been no contact with the Pony Express Re-ride committee, as of yet. Bruce, KF7CFY, stated that he had recently been in the Jeffrey City, WY area and had a chance to try out the new VHF extenders that Boyd, KB5JR, had recently installed. According to Bruce they were working fine.

## Field Day committee update

Mike, KE7WQP, stated that we now have the use of the Centennial Pavilion at Edness Kimball Wilkins State Park for the Field Day event. Tate, KA7O, asked what form of confirmation the club had. Mike stated that the control point of the park put the engagement in their event calendar. Tate also asked if the fees were waived, and Mike stated they were. Mike, KE7AZF, stated that the park provided most of the necessary furniture we would need to setup. Also, Mike stated that the club would

provide hamburgers and hot dogs for the feeding of the troops. Water he stated might be a problem and that you might want to bring some water along for your own consumption. It will probably be a 2A category, but that still remains to be seen as it pretty much defines itself when the field site is setup. Kirk, KI7YY, suggested that some of the newbies might want to do an antenna building during the next activities meeting specifically for Field Day. Bruce, KF7CFY, asked if other members were on the committee or was it a “committee of one”. Mike, KE7AZF, said that Mike, KE7WQP, was looking for volunteers. Bruce thought a prior reconnoiter might be a good idea for planning and for those who hadn’t been there before.

#### Repeater update

According to Tate, KA7O, the situation is presently at a stand still as the sonic wall is still not operating correctly. It appears that the repeater will have to be moved to Tate’s house at this point. Kirk, KI7YY, volunteered his new house as a possible location for the repeater. Mike, KE7WQP, suggested that the .64 repeater be the special event repeater, as it does not “light up” two-thirds of the state. The club thought that was a good idea. Tate said that he did need to get the IRLP node working again, but when that happened is still in the air.

#### Clubhouse committee update

As Jay, W7DRJ was not in attendance the update was tabled at this time.

#### Letter of Acknowledgment

The letter is still “in the works”, as the club would like to send it out with its new official logo. Tate, KA7O, stated that the old letterhead was not appropriate for this purpose. Mike, AE7EC, stated that he would work on the new logo.

#### Threat to 70CM band privilege

The actual loss of the band is still in doubt, but the process still continues.

#### Investment Plan

Kirk, KI7YY, asked which one we went with, and Paul, K7RXC, stated that the club participated in both. \$5000 in each suggested plan. Paul stated that we were going to do this tomorrow.

## V. New Business

### Sale of the Yaesu FT-1000D

Kirk, KI7YY, made a motion for the club to sale the Yaesu FT-1000D to one who makes a bid of over \$1000. Tate, KA7O, seconded the motion. Bruce, KF7CFY, thought that the club should retain the radio, as a valuable asset. There was discussion concerning the need for three radios, and then the club voted. Two members, KF7CFY and WY7W voted against the motion, but the motion carried. It was decided that the activities meeting would be a good time period for advertising and sale of the radio. KI7YY made an amended motion, and Mike, KE7WQP, seconded the motion to extend the sale to the activities meeting and have only members bid on the radio. During the discussion, Mike, KE7WQP, reiterated that honorary members can bid on the radio and can also vote in club business. Paul, K7RXC, read the by-laws and affirmed Mike assertion. Honorary members with a valid amateur radio license can vote on club business. Mike, KE7AZF, state that a bill of sale would need to be there, as he may not be at the activities meeting that night. Tate, KA7O, posted the sale on the discussion board as the meeting was going on. Kirk stated that the radio needed to also be present with the bill of sale. All agreed to that suggestion. Tate also stated that payment would be required at the auction close.

### Digital capability for the CARC club station

Paul, K7RXC, suggested that the club pursue getting a modem for an increased capability in digital communications. The club thought that an interface-building project at the activities meeting would be good idea. The club, at any rate, will investigate the possibility. Tate, KA7O, suggested that the next activities meeting be at the Wireless Advanced Communication site. Tate said that the Signalink has a good VOX to do the push-to-talk function.

## VI. Adjournment

As there was no further business for the club, Kirk, KI7YY, moved that the club meeting adjourn. Mike, KE7WQP seconded the motion and club voted to adjourn at 2008 MDT.

