

SHY-WY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Minutes of the club meeting of June 12, 2012

The meeting was held at Arrow Antennas and was called to order at 7:06 PM by Ralph Zauner, N7CSO (Ralph), Club President.

Self introductions of persons attending were made.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting of May 8, 2012 were approved with correction.

TREASURES REPORT:

Tim Chapman, KB7MDF (Tim), Club Treasurer reported that the club's funds totaled \$29,583.25 at the beginning of the bank statement period on April 24, 2012 and totaled \$29,508.25 at the end of the period on May 24, 2012. This followed the deposit of \$100 of collected dues and payments of \$200 for the club's liability insurance policy. The account balance at High West Energy, Inc. is \$99.56 with the deduction of \$19.03.

Ralph said that he wanted the treasurer to obtain the approval of the board of directors for the payment of such bills as the insurance policy. Jon Jacquot, WA7BIL proposed that the club vote on the automatic payment of regular bill, even if they be annual, without approval by the board of directors. There seemed to be no interest in the proposal.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

Tom Ritter, WB4UIC (Tom) reported that the Albin link is now working and that there is a battery problem at Albin. Rodney Waln, KC0ZHF (Rodney) said that the Albin and Pilot Hill repeaters need new batteries. He said that the new Pilot Hill repeater will cost approximately \$1,000.00 and the committee intends to establish 440 MHz links from it to the west and to Casper and Copper Mountain. The other ends of these links are equipped.

Tom said that we can talk direct to the Wheatland repeater and that the Wheatland repeater is linked to Douglas. The subject of a 440 MHz link to Wheatland was tabled.

Jon Jacquot, WA7BIL related a discussion he had had with some Laramie hams and was told the guys on the Pilot Hill repeater tower needed repair. Joe Dolwick, KA7VIS said that the guys have been repaired.

Tom said the committee is working on a way to kill the automatic weather alerts on the 146.175/146.775 MHz repeater.

SKYWARN:

Wilson Sellner, WB7RRZ (Wilson) said that the Skywarn net was active the previous Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

ARES/RACES:

Brian McNutt, N7BAM (Brian) reported the county communications trailer is in service at Guernsey.

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER:

Wilson reported that he and Brian were overwhelmed by the number of candidates wanting to test on May 19, 2012. He said 13 of the 14 testing passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ralph said that the County Library had given the club a certificate of appreciation for participation in the Clubs and Hobbies Day.

Ralph said that the appointment of a Club Historian is still on hold.

Ralph said that the club needs improved public awareness. Wilson said that J.D. Harris, N7TMK would do PSAs for us.

Wilson said that five hams had participated in Walk-in-My-Shoes the previous Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ralph reminded the members of Field Day activities at Super Day in Lions Park and on Pilot Hill with the Laramie club.

Ralph said he is looking into operations at the Chugwater Chili Cookoff.

Wilson said that CERT had been reinstated and the next meeting would be held on June 26, 2012 at Archer. Instruction will be provided.

PROGRAM:

Tom presented a program on DXing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jon F. Jacquot, Club Secretary