

April 14, 2026

Meeting Minutes



Attendees: Zach Gunyan, KE7WYG; Jameson Beckwith, WY7OWL; Ron Bruderer, N7ERH; John Ramirez, N7ABC; Lois Ramirez; Ryan Rumph, KK7VJM; Doris Haskell, KB7HEQ; Bob Spain, WB2RVE; Colette Spain, KK7YYS

Call Meeting to Order by Zach Gunyan 6:35pm

Agenda approval:

Motion to approve amended agenda as presented by Ryan Rumph

Second by Lois Ramirez,

Discussion: None

Call for Vote: No abstentions, Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report:

Beginning Balance \$4717.37,

Deposit of \$225.00,

Credit of \$275

Ending Balance \$4667.37

Motion to approve Treasurers Report by John Aaron

Second by Ryan Rumph

Discussion: None

Call for Vote: No abstentions, Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Club Call Sign – WY7U

Call sign WY7U Trustee has been changed to Zach Gunyan

146.670 – Intertie Repeater Discussion

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- Bob went to Utah and talked to John Lloyd about financial issues, Utah was curious to see about the club donating the repeater to the Utah VHF Society, since they have insurance already, and the hands to install it. Bob recommends that we donate the repeater to the VHF Society, specifically due to the financial situation of the club.

Motion: Bob Spain to motion that the club would donate the repeater hardware for the 146.670 repeater to the Utah VHF Society

Second by John Aaron

Discussion –

- Talked about insurance being 650\$/year, lease agreement take over.
- Repeater is in the Buffalo Hump site since Bob had it fixed
- Would the Utah VHF Repeater be able to take care of this, - Bob said that they would be able to do that since they manage over 300 of these similar system
- Jay – was able to get into this intertie system while on the road
- Bob – They will be able to get extend the intertie into Rawlins and into the South Pass area.
- Ron - When do they have their net on that repeater?
- Brian – It is held on Tuesdays, heard it on the .86 repeater out of Evanston.
- Ron – Likes the idea that they have qualified people to climb the tower, someone is going to have to be certified to get up there, check the feedline and all the other connections. That has to be done once a year.
- Jay – Tuesday at 8:00pm is when the net is held on the intertie.
- Ron – is there any update, or anyone to fix the repeater the society would have everything they need to keep it online.
- Ron – How long have they have those systems up
- Bob – Utah part of it started about 28-29 years ago. Expansion throughout Idaho, this past year. Idaho system ties into the Montana system, they added coverage into Las Vegas, about four or five years ago. Also extends into Arizona.
- Doris, what is the name of the net
- Jay – This is the Swap and Traffic Nets, but Utah VHF Society Swap Net, not sure which one.
- John – sounds like a good thing to do.
- Ron – is there an annual fee to be on that system
- Bob – There is a fee to belong to the society but not to use the system.

Call for Vote: Motion Passes – No abstentions.

New Business:

Donation of Antenna Equipment

- Thank you card is in the back for all to sign
- Ron – Boat trailer with two sections of tower with Rodger Veys donation. Ron was able to talk with Mrs. Cecil – she donated anything that we could use that they had.
- If we were able to secure a trailer – we could built a tower that would belong to the club.
- Ron is talking to a guy WY7NOI – George Twitchell about getting tower stuff from Laramie. Talking about \$25/section
- John – how big of a trailer are we looking for –
- Ron would like to see at least 10 foot with a tandem axel. Needs to have a little bit of a weight to it.

SK Report

Successfully submitted the SK report to ARRL, should be printed in the July QST

Insurance Coverage

Motion to Table by Doris Haskill

Second by Colette Spain

Discussion: None

Call for Vote: No abstentions, Motion Tabled

146.610 MHz Repeater Grant

Grant application was drafted by Zach, sent to County for approval. County rejected grant application

Filing of 2025 Taxes

990 was successfully submitted to the IRS by Lois Ramirez and Zach Gunyan

May Meeting Ideas

None

Committee Meetings:

Donations/Philanthropic Committee

No updates

Activity/Events Committee

No updates

Field Day Planning Committee

Motion to have field day hosted at Green River WWCC Campus by Lois Ramirez

Second by Collete Spain

Call for Vote: Motion Passes – No abstentions.

Motion to approve up to \$200 for general food expenditures, no alcohol by Doris Haskill

Second by Colette Spain

Call for Vote: Motion Passes – No abstentions

Motion to nominate Ron Bruderer as Safety Officer for Field day by Ryan Rumph

Second by Lois Ramirez

Call for Vote: Motion Passes – No abstentions.

Education Planning Committee

Ideas:

POTA, Workshop on Antenna Building, Ground & Bonding, Contesting, Ask club what they want to learn about.

Club Vote:

POTA – 4 Votes, Antenna building – 3 Votes, Grounding & Bonding – 0 Votes,
Contesting – 3 Votes, JT Modes - 3 Votes

Outcome – POTA

Emergency Preparedness Fair

Presented information on April 11 Emergency Preparedness Fair.

Round Table:

John Aaron – Might have a trailer for donation. Would like Ron Bruderer to call him on Friday or Saturday.

Ryan Rumph – His website has several applications he has developed, one of them is a notepad application to quick notes on QSO's. Information on this and the other applications can be found at kk7vjm.com

Upcoming Events:

- a. **April 18, 2026 10:00 am** – Emergency Preparedness Booth Kemmerer High School Parking Lot
- b. **June 27-28, 2026** – Field Day - TBD
- c. **August 27-30, 2026** – Wyoming Ham Radio Convention – Casper, Wyoming

Next Meeting:

May 12, 2026 – 6:30pm
Sweetwater County Justice Center,
50140 US Highway 191 South,
Rock Springs, WY 82901

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Brian Roberts
Second by Collete Spain
Discussion: None
Call for Vote: No abstentions, Motion Carried.
Motion passes 7:35pm

Officer Signature:

Zach Gunyan, KE7WYG Date
President

Ron Bruderer, N7ERH Date
Vice President