

Called to order by President AE9W-Greg @ 1827Z, 14.290 MHz.
Propagation: Poor

PRESENT: AE9W, KL7IHK, W8UCM, KF7UX, W4TOJ, N8YY, W5RL.
EXCUSED: N5VTP, WA0VZH
CHAT ROOM: WA0VZH, KL7IHK

1. Minutes from board meeting on 1-13-01 reviewed.
Motion to accept minutes: N8YY
Second: KL7IHK
Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's report reviewed.
Motion to accept report: W5RL
Second: N8YY
Motion carried.
3. Reports:
 - a. QSL BUREAU, N0ZJD-Steve: The bureau is humming. Very heavy activity. From Jan. 1, 2001 to date, 7,051 QSL cards have passed through bureau. The postal scale has not as yet been purchased and there is need for one more sorting tub. (Note: This is post-board meeting info, and Greg advised Steve to go ahead with the tub purchase and send the bill to Dick, KL7IHK.)
 - b. AWARDS PROGRAM, KL7IHK-Dick: Another very good report from Dick. Program appears to be on an upward swing and doing very well. New proposal from via Dick from Dennis-VE7IPU on the CPA (Canadian Provinces Award). Discussion conducted on proper wording for award requirements. All members agreed this would be an excellent addition to the awards program and also lead to better relations with our Canadian ham friends. (Note: Information and description on the CPA is now on the OMISS website.)
Motion to accept: W5RL
Second: N8YY
Motion carried.

(This item was slated for new business for this meeting, but was addressed at this time.)

1000 Point Grid Square Award wording: This item has been in deliberations for 2 years, and was a relief to get item rectified, corrected, and implemented. Discussion on item concluded that the wording was acceptable, with the exception to Paragraph E, that needed to be changed to: "Out of the entries for the 200 Point Award, 10 entries may be used for the 1000 Point Award." (This is my paraphrase)

Motion to accept wording, along with Paragraph E re-wording:
KF7UX
Second: KL7IHK
Motion carried.

c. ALL-BAND COORDINATOR REPORT, KF7UX-Bob: Discussion made on waiving Sam-K3SAM's one year membership requirement, so that he may carry out his appointment as 17m net coordinator. Conclusion made that this was acceptable.
Motion: W5RL

Second: KL7IHK
Motion carried.

d. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT, W8UCM-Walt: Walt reports that it is the consensus of the Advisory Committee to accept the Canadian Provinces Award. However, the 5 x 25 Award proposal on new awards and amendments should be tabled for further study. (This was addressed as new business later in this meeting.)

e. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, AE9W-Greg: Announcement of N8YY-Ford being appointed to the Advisory Committee. Congratulations, Ford.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a. 1000 POINT GRID SQUARE AWARD: Previously taken care of.

b. 75M AND 10M LATE NETS: Synopsis of discussion on this item: KL7IHK advised that he sees no need for a 75m late net to operate 7 nights a week. KF7UX noted that in years past, that there was a 75m late net on Friday and Saturday nights as the 40m format is now. After discussion, it was the general feeling that a late 75m net beginning at 0500Z was the solution to this problem, and would enable stations trying to complete thier OMISS 5BWAS to work hard to get states (Alaska and Hawaii for the eastern states, New England for the western states) when propagation is better on this band. All Advisory Committee members also approved of this proposal during this board meeting.

Motion to approve Fri/Sat late 75m net: N8YY

Second: W5RL

Motion carried.

(Note: This net is not yet activated. Award credit will be accepted at net's inception. KF7UX will conduct an indefinite monitoring period on 3940.5 to see if 0500Z will work on that frequency at that time plus or minus a few kHz. Bob will then advise 75m Coordinator, officers, and rest of membership as to when net actually will commence, and NCSs can be appointed.)

W5RL withdraws 10m late afternoon net proposal. Research has revealed this net would not be a good addition to OMISS at this time.

c. BY-LAWS REPORT, KL7IHK-Dick: Everyone advised that they had received a copy of the current by-laws from Dick via e-mail. All board members will read, review, and detail the by-laws for any possible discussion points to be brought up at next board meeting in March.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. 5 x 25 AWARD, ADVISORY COMMITTEE, W8UCM-Walt: Walt advised that this award needs to be tabled at this time for research by the committee, concerning possible new awards (5 x 50, 6 x 25, 7 x 25, etc.) and/or endorsements. Board concurred. No vote needed at this time. Possible report on this from committee at March board meeting.

b. CANADIAN PROVINCES AWARD: Already taken care of previously in this meeting.

c. NEXT BOARD MEETING: 3-10-01 at conclusion of 20m net. (Aim for 2nd Saturday of month as a general rule, unless Holiday, contests, or other reason prohibits.)

Motion to adjourn: N8YY

Second: KL7IHK

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned @ 1928Z.

Respectfully submitted: Don Banta / W5RL, Secretary OMISS

Please add these notes to the minutes you have already received from me:

1) ALL BAND COORDINATOR REPORT, KF7UX-Bob: Bob has appointed W4TOJ-Bill as 75m Net Coordinator to fill the vacancy left by N8YY-Ford. Congratulations to Bill, and a BIG thanks to Ford for getting the 75m net back on its feet!!!

2) Still a bit of minor confusion on the 1000 point wording. The wording put out by Dick prior to the meeting did state the 10 member 200 Grid Award wording. Dick's comment during the meeting was to let everyone know that this change was in there before they voted, in case anyone had not noticed that change from previous discussions. So - no change was needed to the wording that Dick sent out in advance of the meeting. He just made a clarifying point.

Thanks, and 73s - Don/W5RL Secretary, OMISS

(* Not dated - should be Feb 17th, 2001)