

Called to order by President AE9W-Greg @ 1843 UTC, May 19, 2001

14.290 MHz.

Propagation: Poor

PRESENT: AE9W, KL7IHK, W5RL, N8YY, WA0VZH, WA2QOM, VE7IPU

EXCUSED: N5VTP

CHAT ROOM: Unknown

1. Minutes from board meeting on 04/21/01 reviewed.

Motion to accept minutes: KL7IHK

Second: W5RL

Motion Carried

2. Treasurer's report reviewed.

Motion to accept report: WA0VZH

Second: N8YY

Motion Carried

3. Reports:

a. QSL Bureau #1, WA2DEU-Bruce: (same as AE9W's below:)

QSL Bureau #2, AE9W-Greg: \$9.50 and postage to Steve? Taken care of? Also, WA2DEU and AE9W are working on "Operation Homeless QSL Card." By June 30th, we plan to have all unclaimed cards in both Bureau's either sent back to sender, forwarded on to intended recipient (if the Board wants to foot the bill) or filed in the round-file. After that time, cards coming to the Bureau addressed to a station without SASE in the Bureau would be returned immediately to one of the sender's SASE's on file, or if

none, into the round-file. There are just plain TOO MANY folks receiving cards and not supplying the SASE to claim them. This is not just due to the Bureau split either - as many of the unclaimed cards go back several months. It's time to clean house and get the both Bureaus running on all 8 cylinders instead of clogging with old stacks of unclaimed cards. (Some stations already fall into that category, and cards sent to them are sent back upon receipt. See the web page for details - or ask the station you are working if they are good in the bureau.)

b. AWARDS PROGRAM, KL7IHK-Dick: (See Report)

c. ALL-BAND COORDINATOR REPORT, WA2QOM-Darin: Still seeking 17M Net Coordinator. 75M Late Net proposal may need to wait until Fall to get conditions favorable to find a good frequency.

d. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT, VE7IPU-Dennis: (See Report)

e. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, AE9W-Greg: Bob KF7UX has stepped down as All Band Coordinator, and Darin WA2QOM has been appointed as the new All Band Coordinator. The new e-mail address for the OMISS All Band Coordinator is abc@omiss.net. It has been tested and is working properly now.

The OMISS Web Page move to the new server has gone smoothly and has streamlined the operation greatly. It makes it much easier to maintain, and it's a faster site. We also have several new e-mail accounts started at no additional cost, such as awards@omiss.net (goes to KL7IHK), info@omiss.net (goes to WA4ZOP), qsl1@omiss.net (goes to WA2DEU), qsl2@omiss.net (goes to AE9W), board@omiss.net (goes to all OMISS Board Members at the same time), advisory@omiss.net (goes to all members of the Advisory Committee at the same time), roster@omiss.net (goes to KC9NN and KL7IHK at the same time) and webmaster@omiss.net (goes to AE9W). We are not limited in how many of these we want to create other than the time it takes to create it. They can be temporary or long-term. Example: Dick KL7IHK may want to have one called awardscom@omiss.net that forwards to all of the members of the new Awards Committee Dick is working with. Upon completion of that function, if the committee is dissolved - so could be the e-mail address. If anyone has any suggestions of other helpful addresses, please let me know. (such as... editor@omiss.net might be a good one for N5VTP?)

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Awards Committee Report - KL7IHK: Proposal to have QSL Cards "certified" by 2 General Class operators in lieu of sending them to the Awards Manager sent to the Advisory Committee for study and public comment. The rest Awards Committee report is that award wording changes and endorsement clarifications are still in progress and should be ready by next board meeting.

b. Advisory findings on Daylight Savings frequency changes:

Go Back? Stay the Same? Which freqs, if any, go back?

** Advisory Chairman Report states that 96% of all respondents were in favor of keeping all nets on UTC time as they are now. No action taken - Nets will remain on UTC.

5. NEW BUSINESS: none

d. NEXT BOARD MEETING: 06-09-01 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: VE7IPU

Second: WA2QOM

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned @ 1919 UTC.

*** Omitted from the President's report, but should have been noted: Dick, AI5F has accepted appointment as the 4th member of the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee requirement was changed from 3 members to 4 members in our updated By-Laws. (This is because at the time the Committee was originally formed, there were MANY less members for the Committee to represent, and we are now over 4000 members strong. It stands to reason that another Committee member would be in order to help represent the larger membership numbers.) Welcome Aboard, Dick!