

OMISS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

29 SEP 01

Called to order by Vice-President Harry/N5VTP @ 1902 UTC, September 29, 2001, 14.290 MHz.

Propagation: Fair

Present: N5VTP, WAØVZH, WA2QOM, KL7IHK, WA4ZOP, KCØFRL, W5RL.

Excused: AE9W

1) **Minutes from board meeting from July reviewed** (August meeting cancelled due to poor propagation). Minutes were e-mailed pre-board meeting:

Motion to accept minutes: KL7IHK

Second: WA4ZOP

Motion carried.

2) **Treasurer's report reviewed:** Report was e-mailed pre-board meeting:

Motion to accept report: WA2QOM

Second: WA4ZOP

Motion carried.

3) **Reports:**

a. QSL BUREAUS #1-BRUCE/WA2DEU & #2-GREG/AE9W: The QSL Bureaus are now using USPS to exchange erroneous submission of cards to wrong bureau, instead of driving each month. Mistakes not slowing much, although it was hoped that proper use of the bureaus would be understood....this has not occurred, which is prohibiting the bureaus to expedite like they want to. Many users are still confused. Since the bureau split is now nearing the 6-month mark, it is doubtful that the proper procedure will ever be completely understood under the bureau's current configuration.

DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC: Possible solutions discussed, including having bureau information to be included in the Net preamble, to be read by all NCSs. Also, putting information slips in envelopes with cards going to members committing the error. W5RL states that AE9W advised him that both bureaus have already been sending slips, but to no avail. (Note: If any Board or regular members have any other worthy suggestion, please contact WA2DEU or AE9W.)

b. AWARDS PROGRAM REPORT - DICK/KL7IHK: Report was e-mailed pre-board meeting. Awards have slowed somewhat, but program doing great under Dick's coordinating. Should pick back up.

c. ALL-BAND COORDINATOR REPORT - DARIN/WA2QOM: Still seeking 17m Net Coordinator. NCSs doing good job of holding it together as much as they can. Darin submits for Board approval to begin a 75m late net on Fridays and Saturdays, effective Nov. 2. All Board asked to monitor that band to determine a suitable frequency. KL7IHK advised, and Board agreed, that until a "trial net" could prove that it would be successful, that award credit not be given for contacts made on trial net until net would become official. However, if net is officially accepted, all contacts made during trial period would become retroactive and counted for OMISS awards. WAØVZH abstains from this item.

d. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT: WARREN/WA4ZOP - Report was e-mailed pre-board meeting, with the results. Excellent report. Thanks to Warren for his hard work on this. Report accepted by Board.

e. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: GREG/AE9W - No August meeting held due to very poor propagation. Ford/N8YY has stepped down due to health reasons. Ford has done a stellar job for OMISS, especially with the 75m net, and his dedication has been appreciated by the Officers and members alike.

Filling the vacancy, AE9W submits Dan/KCØFRL. An online ballot unanimously approved Dan. Congratulations Dan!

WAØVZH nominates N8YY for Joe Fish Meritorious Service Award.

Motion: WAØVZH

Second: KL7IHK

Motion carried - Written ballots to be submitted to Board Members.

4) Old Business: 17m net discussion - After short discussion, motion made to table this item until October Board meeting.

Motion: KL7IHK

Second: WAØVZH

Motion carried.

5) New Business: ARRL NET DIRECTORY - WAØVZH notified AE9W that our ARRL on-line OMISS Net Schedule is not current. AE9W has attempted to use on-line forms to correct, and has e-mailed ARRL for advice on how to rectify situation. (This function was formerly handled by KC4ED, ex-KE2D, but has not been updated in a LONG time.) N5VTP volunteers to work with ABC to get this information correct and updated.

Motion to appoint N5VTP to this task: WAØVZH

Second: KL7IHK

Motion carried.

6) Next Board meeting: Oct. 20, 2001 at conclusion of 20m Net. AE9W out of town for regular scheduled date, and will not have access to radio. (Aim for 2nd Saturday of month as a general rule unless holiday, contests, or special situation prohibits.)

Motion to adjourn: KL7IHK

Second: WAØVZH

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned @ 1947 UTC.

Respectfully submitted 10/16/01: Don Banta/W5RL, Secretary OMISS