

Minutes of the OMISS Board Meeting on 4-09-05 @ 00:00z

The meeting was held on 7.2635 MHz followed by a QSY to 7.27 MHz.

The meeting was opened by the OMISS President Darin / WA2QOM

The board members and officers in attendance were :

WA2QOM, Darin
AA0ZP, Frank
WA4ZOP, Warren
W0VD, Dan
KF5RD, Pete
KX2J, Ron
K4JRK, Jeff
WU8Q, JR
KC0FRL, Dan
KM5EW, Warren

WA4ZOP emailed out the previous meetings minutes prior to the net to all board members. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved.

W0VD presented the Treasurer's Report by Email to the board prior to the meeting. In addition the report was read.

Treasurers Report for March 2005

\$3320.63 in bank on March 1, 2005
+ 105.00 15 new members
+ 18.00 roster fees
+ 589.00 Awards money received
+ 00.00 O'Missile Fund
+ 68.00 Bureau Fund
+ 357.52 Awards Manager Petty Cash Fund

\$4458.15
- 11.00 Bank Service Charge
- 100.00 O'Missile Printing
- 74.53 All Sports Trophies
- 10.20 Treasurer Expenses

\$4262.42 Total Funds for OMISS.

The report was approved as presented.

The QSL manager - Reported that the bureau was running smoothly. Requested everyone to put the recipients OMISS # on the QSL card and also to make sure that you have return envelopes in the bureau.

The Awards Manager – Stated that the awards program was very active with the State Flag award providing an increase in participation. Also, commented that he had changed the source for trophies to a local merchant that was very satisfactory.

The All Band Coordinator - Ron, KX2J commented that he needed 20 meter NCs on Tues, Weds, and Saturday, and needed a 17 meter NC on Sunday. Notify Ron if you are available.

The Advisory Council Chairman Pete KF5RD - Mentioned that there were no current problems under review. He did mention the impending legislation concerning expanding the daylight savings time which could impact the 160 meter net and the 75 meter late net.

The President's report - Darin commented that OMISS had been running smoothly with a general spirit of cooperation.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff, K4JRK was confirmed as the 75 meter coordinator, and Ralph, N4SPN was confirmed as the 17meter coordinator. Congratulations to both.

Warren, KM5EW brought up the problem concerning some ambiguities concerning the definition of the counties for the county awards. He proposed that we adopt the USA CA rules as used by CQ magazine which defines 3,077 counties. A motioned was made, seconded and was approved by the board. This change affects only the definition of the counties and not the remainder of the OMISS rules for award.

KM5EW advised the board of another problem concerning the Military award. Some members were collecting all of the requirements for the final plaque without paying for the intermediate endorsements. This means that OMISS has to pay for the plaque without receiving any offsetting costs from the endorsements. It was proposed that OMISS issue the plaque free of charge only if the applicant had paid for the preceding awards. This was voted and approved, after which some complications were noted. It was then decided to table the issue pending further review. This review is to be by Email wherein KM5EW will provide an exact wording to replace the existing Military award wording. This will be discussed by Email and voted at the next meeting.

KM5EW also advised that the DX and DXCC awards had never been issued and due to the difficulty presented by the current requirements, were not likely to ever be issued. He has proposed that we examine either changing the requirements to make them doable or to eliminate them. The president asked KF5RD, Pete, the Advisory Council Chairman to investigate this issue and to get a feel for the wishes of the OMISS membership.

W0VD mentioned the possible need for moving the 40 meter frequency to 7.267 to better handle the foreign broadcast interference. It was decided to apply the +or – 5KHz latitude available under OMISS rules as needed and to be determined the net control station. KX2J added the comment that the NC should assure that in the event of a alteration of frequency by the NC, that he should designate someone to remain on 7.2635 to advise check-ins of the change.

The next meeting of the board was scheduled for Friday, May 6. (The UTC start time will be 00:00. Saturday May 7)

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. The meeting was closed at 01:14Z.

Warren / WA4ZOP
OMISS Secretary