

Minutes of the OMISS Board Meeting on 01-10-08 (24:00z)

The meeting was held on NetLogger AIM due to propagation/traffic problems.

The meeting was opened by the OMISS President AE9W

The board members and officers in attendance were :

AE9W, Greg	N8FV, Jim
AA0ZP, Frank	ND8F, Homer
WA4ZOP, Warren	KA0AK, Dick
N4JTE, Robert	

WA4ZOP emailed out the previous meetings minutes prior to the net to all board members. The minutes were approved as presented.

KA0AK presented the Treasurer's Report by Email to the board prior to the meeting. The report is presented in the minutes as follows.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of December 01, 2007 there is deposited in the bank the sum of \$5946.17

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+\$ 217.00	deposits for 31 members
+\$ 18.00	deposits for 3 rosters
+\$ 70.00	cash deposits from petty cash (see petty cash report)
+\$ 228.00	deposits for awards

\$6479.17 total deposits

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-\$ 28.00	cash transfers to petty cash (checking acct)
-\$ 47.00	cash transfers to petty cash (awards acct.)
-\$ 136.49	check #2047 Washington Mutual (awards certificates)
-\$ 125.98	check #2048 Washington Mutual (postage meters supplies and program for home page)
-\$ 50.00	check #2049 Dan Miller (qsl bureau)

\$6091.70	Total monies in bank
+\$ 33.26	petty cash
+\$ 54.39	qsl bureau

\$6175.35 total omiss monies

Petty Cash Report

\$ 28.26	total petty cash as of December 01, 2007
+\$ 28.00	cash transfers from checking acct
+\$ 47.00	cash transfers from awards

\$ 103.26 total petty cash

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-\$ 70.00 transfer for deposit in bank

\$ 33.26 Total petty cash on hand as of December 31, 2007

As of January 01, 2008 there is deposited in the bank the sum of \$6091.70

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+\$ 77.00 deposits for 11 new members
+\$ 6.00 deposits for 1 roster
+\$ 10.00 deposits from awards
+\$ 40.00 deposit from Petty Cash

\$6224.70 deposited in the bank as of January 08, 2008

The report was accepted as presented.

IMMEDIATE BUSINESS (Slight deviation from normal procedure, since these two items affected the rest of the meeting.)

- (1) AA0ZP appointed AE9W to fill the unexpired term as OMISS President. The Board confirmed this appointment by e-mail ballot. AA0ZP made this appointment on 12/23/07.
- (2) Inactivity of Board Members. AE9W reported that e-mails were sent to members of the Board who have had difficulty in attending meetings due to work and other commitments. N0AIE replied in the affirmative, that he was too busy at this time. We sincerely appreciate what N0AIE was able to contribute, and look forward to his leadership in the future when his schedule permits. AE9W appointed ND8F as his replacement. ND8F accepted.

A motion was made by KA0AK and seconded by N4JTE to confirm AE9W's appointment of ND8F to fill N0AIE's unexpired term as Director. The board then voted to confirm the appointment. Welcome aboard Homer!
Discussion:

There has been no reply from W9QX after two attempts by AE9W to contact him via e-mail. AE9W will try by telephone, and will report to the Board after contact, or failure to make contact. If W9QX is also too busy, AE9W will fill this vacancy by the February Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Concerning Bylaw change regarding removal from membership for failure to pay debts to OMISS: During the last meeting a vote was taken to modify the by-laws to allow sanctions for hot-checks and the associated costs to OMISS. In subsequent review it was determined that a 2/3 vote of the membership was not

present at the meeting rendering the change null and void. Failure to meet financial obligations to OMISS (in particular, concerning award fees) will be discussed by a soon-to-be-appointed by-law review committee to determine the recommended actions.

NEW BUSINESS

- (1) The OMISS Treasury balance is excessive. Measures need to be implemented to reduce these funds in such a way as to benefit the Society as a whole, in fair ways that a majority of the membership could benefit.

AE9W and KA0AK discussed cutting the awards fees for 6 months. They also discussed sending a specified amount of stamps and #10 envelopes to the QSL Buro to be used on a first-come, first-served basis until they are gone. These programs would be re-evaluated after 6 months to determine if enough reduction in funds had occurred. If necessary, either of these could be repeated until such time as the funds reach a manageable non-profit level. These methods promote making contacts and lead to growth of our Society.

A motion was made and seconded to cut the fees for awards for 6 months. Awards will be \$2.00 and endorsements will also be \$2.00. The Board will re-evaluate at the July 2008 Board Meeting to determine if another 6 months is called for to further reduce the Treasury. The measure was voted and approved by the board to be effective January 15, 2008.

Other methods of benefiting the membership were discussed and AE9W requested the Advisory Board Chairman N4JTE to review and recommend further action(s) to the board.

- (2) N8FV will be evaluating Net Coordinator positions.
- (3) QSO Party. N8FV has agreed to look for a QSO Party Coordinator with April our target month. Volunteers will be needed **soon**. Contact Jim if you are available to help. This year the board has voted that participation will be FREE.
- (4) AE9W suggests bringing back the Coffee Mug program for Top Ops and Net Control of the Quarter. This was once a regular show of appreciation for those recognized by their fellow operators, and nobody seems to know why it went away. There is certainly funding for such. A motion was made by KA0AK and seconded by WA4ZOP to revive the Coffee Mug program whereas an OMISS coffee mug is sent to recipients of the Top Op and Net Control of the Quarter after their being selected by their peers. In addition, a mug would be provided to outgoing members of the board. This would be done regardless whether the member has previously received a mug or not. The measure was voted and passed.
- (5) Awards Committee. KA0AK would like to see a 2008 Awards Committee formed to go over the wording of the current awards program. It was further noted that the Bylaws make no mention that new awards or changes to current

awards need to be routed through the Board. KA0AK would like to see that wording added to the Bylaws the next time the Bylaw committee convenes. KA0AK will seek volunteers for the 2008 Awards Committee to go over the awards and will report back at the Feb meeting (by e-mail if he is in Alaska at the time) to let us know the progress.

(6) VOIP Technology. There has recently been discussion around Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) programs and their potential use for holding OMISS Board Meetings. As it stands right now, the Nov 2007 Board meeting had to utilize Netlogger AIM, so we have already set a precedence for using other means than the radio due to necessity. After some discussion, the board concluded that the by-laws in no way restricts the mode of communication to be used to conduct board meetings and no action was required by the board to use AIM, VOIP etc. If propagation permits, the preferred method will continue to be 'on the air'. The meetings will be as open to the membership as possible including publishing the minutes to the OMISS reflector as is the current practice.

The next meeting of the board was scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2008 at the same time and frequency. The meeting was closed by the president at 0200Z.

Warren / WA4ZOP
Secretary, OMISS