

Minutes of the OMISS Board Meeting on 3-13-09 (02:00z)

The meeting was called to order by AE9W at 01:46Z on 3.97 MHz.

The board members and officers in attendance were :

Greg, AE9W
Warren, WA4ZOP
Homer, ND8F
Jim, KA8III
Jim, N8FV

Excused:
Jack, KOMAF
John, K5ENA
Bob, N4JTE

Minutes from last month were approved.

Treasurer's Report was approved .

February 2009 Treasurer's Report-Revised 3/1/09

	\$5,027.64	Balance 2/1/09
+	292.00	Dues
+	154.00	Awards
+	11.00	Transfer from Awards Mgr.
	<u>\$5,484.64</u>	Total Deposits
	\$5,484.64	
-	139.15	Awards Manager Expenses
-	160.05	Treasurer/Membership Expenses
-	45.00	The Sign Man (Awards)
-	7.00	Returned Dues Check (NSF)
-	3.25	Bank Fee for returned check
-	6.00	Refund N7GTW (Roster)
-	6.00	Refund KA1BVV (Roster)
-	133.28	Greg Stilwell-O'Missile Printing
-	65.16	Awards of Praise (Awards)
	<u>\$4,919.75</u>	Balance 2/28/09
	\$47.06	QSL Buro Balance 2/1/09
+	3.00	Donations
	<u>\$50.06</u>	QSL Buro Balance 2/28/09

Old Business:

1. QSO Party went as scheduled. N8FV reported that we had 27 entries. One was late, and we allowed a grace period – but did not bump anyone down in winner status to accommodate the late submission. All agreed that we should run the OMISS QSO Party again in 2010.
2. Advisory Committee; N4JTE – Announced by AIM that AG4PP accepted the position on the committee.
3. By unanimous e-mail vote, the Awards Manager was provided with a new printer for producing high quality printed awards.
4. The O'Missile has been mailed in March as required by the Bylaws. O'Missile costs were:
 - a. Printing \$133.28. (docucopies.com)
 - b. Postage \$45.18 (USPS)** There were 75 copies, 14 pages each. Two were DX, 72 were domestic, and AE9W retained one as a personal copy. In a previous e-mail, AE9W listed all recipients that were mailed a copy. Receipts were provided to the Treasurer and promptly reimbursed. Next issue (the Bylaws require two issues per year, March and August) will begin in July and be mailed in August. ND8F, Homer commented on the excellent job done by AE9W in editing and publishing the O'Missile.

New Business:

1. Vice President; K0MAF Jack: **EXCUSED**
2. Secretary, WA4ZOP Warren: Commented on corrections needed to the posted board schedule shown on website. Greg has now corrected and re-posted the schedule online in the "Minutes" section.
3. Treasurer, K5ENA John: **EXCUSED**
4. Director, ND8F Homer: Homer commented that with the new NCs coming on board, we need to make a special effort to assure that they are aware of the NC guidelines and operating policies. These are being reviewed and revised by AE9W and N8FV for board action at the coming board meeting.
5. Director, KA8III Jim: Jim commented NCs should remind everyone that QSL cards for mobile contacts should carry both signal reports as well as the correct state and county information. N8FV added the comment that those running netlogger should be careful to 'override' the prf state with the state (and county)in which the mobile is operating.
6. ABC, N8FV Jim: Jim discussed the need to look for a new 80M Net Frequency, particularly for any late nets. Current conditions pit us against the West Coast as well as some strong stations on adjacent frequencies. Jim will report back on the search for a new frequency when he has any new information. Jim also discussed the topic of Net Control Guidelines. Greg AE9W has heard from most Net Controls regarding their thoughts on the topic. Greg will send Jim N8FV a copy of all comments received, and Jim will present a draft/proposal of an updated Net Control Guidelines at the next Board meeting in April. Jim also pointed out that the web page does not currently indicate the 80M Late Net as a seasonal net like the 160M net. Greg will correct this. In addition, Jim has requested that all Net

Coordinators keep him updated with the net control stations that are currently assigned. KA8III advised that he would be providing an updated list to N8FV.

7. Advisory Chair, N4JTE Bob: **EXCUSED** (Running the 40 meter net)
8. President, AE9W Greg:
 - a. Greg has awarded Jeffrey WE0A with the President's Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts in automating our web site. Greg requested endorsement by the board which was unanimous.
 - b. AE9W asked if the 0200 time was still agreeable after DST has begun. It was agreed by all present to be an acceptable time.
9. The next meeting will be held on Monday April 13th (local) at 0200Z on 3.9630 plus or minus.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 0228.