

Minutes of the OMISS Board Meeting on 4-13-09 (02:00z)

The meeting was called to order by AE9W at 0200Z on 3.967 MHz.

The board members and officers in attendance were:

Greg, AE9W
Warren, WA4ZOP
Homer, ND8F
Jim, KA8III
Jim, N8FV
Jack, K0MAF
John, K5ENA
Bob, N4JTE

Invited Guest: Pete KF5RD, Awards Manager

Minutes from last month were approved. Motion: N4JTE, Second: N8FV

Treasurer's Report was approved. Motion: N8FV, Second: WA4ZOP

March 2009 Treasurer's Report

	\$4,919.75 Balance 3/1/09
+	245.99 DUES
+	149.00 AWARDS
+	11.00 DONATION
	\$5,324.75 Total Deposits
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-	354.52 Award Manager Expenses & Printer
-	86.05 Treasurer/Membership Expenses
-	23.00 The Signman, cup, K0JDD
-	45.18 Greg Stilwell, O'Missile Postage
	\$4,816.00 Balance 3/31/09

Dan reports the Buro had \$6.00 in donations. There was \$13.46 in the fund, for a total in the fund of \$19.26.

Awards Manager: Pete asked if he is supposed to purchase MS Word so our awards print correctly. AE9W suggested he try "Open Office," a free competitor to MS Word, first – as it should do as well as MS Word and not cost anything. Pete also asked about the QSL Card requirements, stating that without them he is unable to verify that contacts took place. AE9W explained that the honor system was voted in by the previous Board. Pete mentioned that he is still getting "old" award apps, and some are still going to Dick. The forms are correct on the web site – so Pete will send out a reminder to the group to discard all old applications and download current ones.

Old Business:

1. 80M Net Freq; KR2C has suggested trying 3.942 and taking notes. Jim N8FV will get the word out for us to try 3.942 for a while and keep notes on how it goes.
2. Net Control Guidelines; Jim N8FV.... (AE9W's intent is for all Board Members to review the rough guidelines as assembled by Jim. These were derived from well-thought-out comments sent in by several NC's. There should not be a vote this month – but a discussion only, followed by ample time to make sure we get this right so it can last a while. A vote should be able to take place next month. NC comments should be included before the vote.) Comments: K0MAF suggests that AIM check-ins should be considered. ND8F suggested that the pre-amble should include a quick reminder about putting both signal reports on the QSL cards when working a mobile station. Jim KA8III added that the watts of QRP stations should be put on QSL cards when working QRP stations. Jim also suggested adding quick instructions for Up For Grabs; just give your full call sign once – and nothing else. No signal report until acknowledged by the UFG station. No partial calls.

New Business:

1. Vice President; K0MAF Jack: No new business
2. Secretary, WA4ZOP Warren: No new business
3. Treasurer, K5ENA John: No new business
4. Director, ND8F Homer: No new business
5. Director, KA8III Jim: Jim asked for clarification around 40M late net and 80M late net. It was explained that the 40M late net is a year-round net, but that there was an error on the web page that didn't make that clear. (This has been corrected.) The 80M late net and the 160M regular net are seasonal nets – and cease/start with the daylight savings shift each season.
6. ABC, N8FV Jim: Clarified that he is working on Net Control Guidelines at present – not the Pre-amble. Greg AE9W suggested putting the two in separate sections of the same document so folks don't have to download 2 docs if they want to become Net Controls. All agreed that this makes sense. Jim will have the proposed Net Control Guidelines ready for a vote at the next meeting.
7. Advisory Chair, N4JTE Bob: No new business
8. President, AE9W Greg:
 - a. There have been a lot of heated e-mails on the server. I need EVERYONE's help in keeping that as calm as possible. We go through this every year about this time, and we often lose members over it. The worst part is that new members may see this as a reflection of the whole group.
 - b. As Jim N8FV called it – there are grumbles taking place as we police our operating practices. It will get tougher before it gets better – but I applaud all who are making the effort to get us back on the track we have deviated slightly from. Please continue to do OUR part to make sure we are following, at a minimum, the guidelines set forth for Amateur Radio.

9. Some closing remarks were offered by KOMAF that :

- a. We perhaps should rename the "Night Owl Award" to the "Late Net Award" to more accurately identify the venue of the award. (my paraphrase – Ed)
- b. In event of a flame incident on the reflector, that we should use the telephone if possible to try and de-fuse the situation.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 8th at 0200Z on 3.9630 plus or minus.

Meeting was adjourned at 0247Z.

Minutes from AE9W notes and

Warren / WA4ZOP

Secretary, OMISS