

## Minutes of the OMISS Board Meeting on 02-15-10 (02:00z)

The meeting was called to order by AE9W at 02:00Z on Echolink (as announced on Netlogger AIM).

Those in attendance were

AE9W  
K0MAF  
WA4ZOP  
ND8F  
KA8III  
N4JTE

Approve Minutes from January 2010

Motion by ND8F

2nd by K0MAF

Passed

### January, 2010 Treasurer's Report

\$5,714.17 Beginning Balance 1/1/2010  
+ 321.00 DUES  
+ 20.94 DUES (PayPal)  
+ 50.00 AWARDS  
+ 8.21 AWARDS (PayPal)  
\$6,114.32 TOTAL DEPOSITS IN

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- 27.30 Awards of Praise - Money Clip - W4UZI  
- 48.95 HamPlaques - Plaque - Dan Miller, AC0OF  
- 88.00 The Signman - Mugs - AC0OF, K0JDD, KK6AW, WE0A  
- 6.00 Roster Refund - Mike McNamara, N3MRM  
- 33.68 Geographics - Membership Certificates  
- 7.59 Staples - Envelopes for Membership packets  
- 39.50 The Signman - Mugs - W4UZI, Top Op 2009, W4UZI, NCS 4th QTR  
- 19.99 Greg Stilwell - Reimburse Website Template  
- 52.80 Stamps - Membership  
- 77.86 John Dean - Reimburse Postcards/Postage  
- 191.02 Peter Mann - Reimburse Expenses  
- 22.98 Gartner Studios - 200 Award Certificates  
\$5,498.65 Ending Balance 1/31/2010

OMISS Buro Manager Dan Miller reports the following:

Purchase of stamps: \$36.35. His reimbursement will be in the February Treasurer's Report.

Donations: \$27.

Left in fund: \$45.81.

Total Cash on hand: \$72.81.

Respectfully submitted,

John Campbell, K5ENA, 4604

Treasurer & Membership Chairman

Approve January 2010 Treasurer's Report

Motion: WA4ZOP

2nd: AE9W

Passed

## **Old Business:**

1. Dayton: KOMAF moved that OMISS be represented at the Dayton event. The booth is to be provided to OMISS at no cost as an encouragement for us to be represented. The motion was seconded by ND8F. The vote to approve was unanimous. Five hundred copies of the standard tri-fold color brochures that we provide as hard copy info on OMISS will be provided at the booth in addition to application blanks. The printing of this material will be provided at no cost by KU0G (thanks Jim).
2. Announcement was provided in absentia by the ABC that the new 160m test frequency of 1.870 is not working out and that we are going back to the established frequency of 1.865 effectively immediately.
3. An additional item from the ABC was that the 160M net, while not heavily used, is a positive thing and recommended keeping it active for the duration of the season. AE9W so moved and was seconded by ND8F. Vote to approve was unanimous.
4. The report from the Advisory Council indicated that the membership was very positive about the early 40m Thursday net. AE9W moved to continue the early Thursday 40M net another month. ND8F seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

## **New Business:**

1. Greg, AE9W:
  - a. The NATA Net requested our consideration in allowing them to occupy 7.185MHz prior to our nets on 40M. They have been experiencing issues on their old frequency. As part of their request, they agree to vacate the frequency 30 minutes prior to our scheduled nets – or as soon as our Net Control arrives on frequency if he is running behind schedule. ND8F, WA4ZOP and AE9W commented on how this is a good showing of good will. It also will provide OMISS with a clear frequency, as opposed to arriving some nights to find a QSO in progress and searching for a place to hold our net. The Board unanimously approved NATA's request to occupy the frequency as long as it continues to meet the proposed conditions in their request.
  - b. AE9W has accepted WA7HYD's resignation from the Advisory Council. Filling that spot is K0JDD. John has accepted this appointment.
  - c. AE9W announced his appointment of Roxie (KC0LLB) as the Co-Buro Manager. Greg stated "she has been doing this for some time now and rates the title. This is not a precedent, for those who don't know. The Buro was operated by two volunteers in the past ( I was one of them)."
  - d. AE9W led discussion about the budget surplus with consideration being give to dropping the membership fee back to \$5. After much discussion pro and con, it was decided to continue to study the issue for future resolves.
  - e. After asking our Treasurer and Awards Manager for their thoughts – AE9W offered that he would like to remove the wording "temporarily reduced" and change the current pricing to permanent. All paper awards and endorsements will be \$1.00. (Premium items, such as plaques, etc., will not be changed by this at this time.) The motion by AE9W was seconded by WA4ZOP. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Jack, KOMAF: No new business.
3. Homer, ND8F: Homer expressed concern (along with KA8III) that the percentage of our members that are really active is far too small. We need new additional regular Net Controls. N4JTE commented that propagation makes it difficult for new net controls to learn the ropes and that we may have to wait for better conditions to make much progress. Ways of activating many of our inactive general members were also discussed and ND8F volunteered to be the focal point for suggestions.
4. Warren, WA4ZOP: No new business.
5. Sleepy, KA8III: No new business.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 12th, 2010 at 0200Z on 3.976 plus or minus.  
Motion to adjourn by ND8F was seconded by KA8III. Vote to adjourn at 0305 UTC.

Warren / WA4ZOP  
Secretary, OMISS