

AGENDA OF THE OMISS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON JUNE 12th, 2011

The meeting will be held on Skype at 0200Z.

The meeting was called to order by W4UZI at _0200Z.

Roll Call.

W4UZI	✓
K0MAF	✓
KA8MMI	
K5ENA	✓
ND8F	✓
KA8III	✓
K5TRM	✓
KF5RD	✓
WA4ZOP	✓

Previous Minutes Approval.

WA4ZOP (covering for Neil KA8MMI) emailed the previous meeting minutes to the Board Members.

Minutes approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report Approval.

K5ENA presented the Treasurer's Report by email to the Board prior to the meeting and is included, as follows:

May, 2011 Treasurer's Report, Revised

\$3,762.43	Beginning Balance 5/1/1022
+ 387.43	DUES
+ 98.85	AWARDS
\$4,247.71	TOTAL DEPOSITS IN

\$4,247.71	
- 294.04	Staples – Toner Cartridges for John's Printer
- 25.00	Awards of Praise, Money Clip for WB8RWM, 7327
- 14.41	Staples – Envelopes, Paper
- 79.20	Post Office – Stamps
- 22.00	The Signman – Mug – WØVD, Top Op April, 2011
- 35.80	Staples – Membership copies and supplies
- 252.51	Charlie Gilbert – Reimburse for brochures
- 269.71	Peter Mann – Reimburse Expenses
- 96.00	Dan Miller – Reimburse Expenses-postage
\$3,159.04	ENDING BALANCE 5/31/2011

OMISS QSL Buro Co-Manager Dan Miller, ACØOF, reports the following:

They had a \$20.00 donation, spent \$96.00 for postage. They had \$219.23 cash on hand. Add the donation for a total of \$239.23 in the kitty.

Respectfully submitted,
John Campbell, K5ENA, 4604
Treasurer & Membership Chairman
June 7, 2011

Minutes were approved by acclamation.

President asked the Treasurer if the reported balance represented any problem. Treasurer responded that it did not, that we had some unusual one-time expenses.

☐ Reports of Special Committees.

- **OMISS Booth at the 2011 Dayton Hamvention and the Dinner at the Ramada Plaza Dayton-North.** W4UZI reported that the booth and the dinner were a tremendous success. Several hundred stopped by the booth. 175 visitors signed our guest log. KK5EDD did a tremendous job of organizing the booth and the OMISS Dinner at the Ramada Plaza Dayton-North. We had approximately 40 attendees at the dinner.

-**QSL Bureau Split:** AC00F reports that no progress has been made on finding a volunteer to assist with splitting the CONUS portion of the QSL Bureau. We are rapidly approaching decision time on whether, or not, we should continue operating the QSL Bureau. Due to increased QSL activity, the QSL Bureau is unsustainable in its present form.

This represents a critical time-sensitive issue and W4UZI announced he will appoint a committee to work this high priority issue. Splitting the job up by bands seems the most likely approach to reduce the workload to a manageable level for each of the resulting bureaus. (Ed. Note).. Roxie and Dan have done an incomprehensible job sustaining the workload they have and should receive our utmost gratitude. They need help NOW.

☐ Unfinished Business and information.

-Work on the next O'MISSILE Newsletter continues with a targeted publication date of June/July, 2011. We have received some articles for publication, but we are still waiting for a few more before final editing.

-30th Anniversary Nets. The first OMISS Net was on 6/28/81. The anniversary nets will start on Friday June 17th through Sunday June 19th. Details remain about who runs the Friday nets for 15m, 10m, and 17m. Each member who checks into any of the nets is entitled to receive one certificate. The certificate will show all the bands in which the member participated. (See further comments under KF5RD below). Jim, KA8III will announce the schedule daily.

☐ New Business.

President W4UZI. -None.

Vice President KOMAF. Reported unauthorized use of the reflector for non-OMISS business. The user has been cautioned more than once and has now been removed from the reflector by board action.

Secretary KA8MMI. -Not present

Treasurer K5ENA. -None

Director ND8F. - Homer announced he will run the 10 meter net Friday and Saturday during the Anniversary Celebration.

Director KA8III. - Provided a motion that members who resign, may be re-instated with a new application including the \$7.00 fee and will receive a new OMISS number. The motion was seconded by ND8F and passed unanimously.

Jim also noted that we will need and NCS for the 15m net during the 3 days of our Anniversary nets due to the absence of K6HP.

Chairman of the Advisory Council WA4ZOP. - Four items processed by the council were reported.

- A suggestion was received to dispense with the announcements provided by John, K5ENA concerning new members and member updates in order to reduce the material appearing in the in-basket. It was suggested that applying an Outlook rule, could eliminate the problem. The member agreed and the issue was closed. (Some of our members are still using this input in the formats provided by John)
- A suggestion was received that we investigate the use of the nLog logging program to replace NetLogger. The OMISS policy as stated on the website is that "OMISS does not endorse, recommend, prefer, or require the use of any logging program, system, or method". This policy precludes any action by the board. The member was advised and the action was closed.
- A suggestion was received to limit the times a member can be a consecutive winner of any of the peer awards (Top Op, Om of the Year, etc). This suggestion was made primarily as a method to improve the voter turn-out (which has been poor) as it was believed these limits would do. While the council and the board were unanimous in not limiting the winners, this member has addressed a very important issue for which he is to be commended. While this suggestion was not adopted, it should spark efforts on all of our parts to get better voter participation.
- A suggestion was received to allow the listing of SWLs as 'check-ins' on NetLogger. The consensus of the council and the board was to not list them, but to make them feel as welcome as possible by use of AIM or

verbally over HF. Again, because OMISS does not regulate any particular logger, this is not a policy but an opinion.

All Bands Coordinator K5TRM. – Tandy advised that all bands were running smoothly. He further announced the selection of K6HP as the 15 meter Net Coordinator. **Welcome Ed.**

Awards Manager KF5RD.

Pete expressed some concern about the effect of Father's day on the Anniversary turnout.

Pete will be using the same award for the anniversary nets as he uses for the QSO parties.

He also expressed concern about how he would be receiving the check-in lists for each of the Anniversary nets. It was suggested that the use of the NCS email reflector would be a good place to remind all NCS stations to be sure to post their check-in lists following the closure of each net.

Guest, KJ4KKB –Edwin was invited to the meeting to present a report on a proposed gathering at the Huntsville Hamfest to be conducted August 20th and 21st at Huntsville, Alabama. Upon approval by the President, Edwin has contacted Charlie Emerson , N4OKL (Hamfest POC) and requested an application for free booth space. He has been given verbal approval by N4OKL. We will not know until about 30 days prior to the event the exact location of the space. Also at about a month prior to the hamfest, the event will be promoted on the OMISS reflector. The leftover brochures from Dayton will be used along with the banner if Edd can provide it. This should be another great opportunity for an OMISS 'Eyeball'.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Sunday July 10, 2011 at 0200Z on Skype if 40m conditions are poor. W4UZI will conduct a radio check at 0145Z, on 7.196 +/- 7kHz, to evaluate propagation.

Motion to Adjourn: K5ENA

Second: KF5RD

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 0330