

MINUTES OF THE OMISS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2011

The meeting was held on Skype at 0200Z.

The meeting was called to order by W4UZI at 0200 Z.

Roll Call.

W4UZI	✓
KOMAF	✓
KA8MMI	✓
K5ENA	✓
ND8F	✓
KA8III	✓
KF5RD	✓
WA4ZOP	✓
Guests:	KJ4KKB, W5ORA

Previous Minutes Approval.

Jack KOMAF emailed the previous meeting minutes to the Board Members for review.

To Approve the previous Minutes.

Motion: The Chair requested unanimous consent to approve the previous minutes as read.

Results: Without objection the previous minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report Approval.

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

October, 2011 Treasurer's Report

\$2,647.50 Beginning Balance 10/1/2011
+ 364.72 DUES
+ 204.81 AWARDS
\$3,217.03 **TOTAL DEPOSITS IN**
\$3,217.03
- 39.60 Post Office - Stamps
- 39.26 Staples - Membership copies, paper, envelopes
- 32.01 Trophies & Plaques Plus - State Flag Plaque - KE5WDI
- 38.00 The Signman - 2 Mugs - KJ4KKB Top Op Sept 2011, NCS 3rd QTR 2011
- 25.00 Awards of Praise - Money Clip - KC0ZPS
- 25.00 Awards of Praise - Money Clip - N8RDG
- 96.04 Trophies & Plaques Plus - 3 State Flag Plaques - KI6WOX(2) N7GDP (1)
- 121.36 Peter Mann - Reimburse expenses
- 209.67 Dan Miller - Reimburse October expenses 208.47 & 1.20 prev mo
\$2,591.09 **ENDING BALANCE 10/31/2011**

OMISS K QSL BURO Co-Manager Dan Miller, AC0OF, reported the following expenses:

Postage: 152.00

Misc Supplies: 56.47

Total ; \$208.47

They have \$133.52 cash on hand. \$1.20 expense from a previous month.

OMISS A, N, DX QSL Bureau Manager Pete Mann, KF5RD, had expenses of \$121.36.

Respectfully submitted,

John Campbell, K5ENA, 4604

Treasurer & Membership Chairman

November 1, 2011

To Approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: The Chair asked for unanimous consent to approve the Treasurer's Report as read.

Results: Without objection the Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Reports of Special Committees.

-Project Outreach: Update by Jack K0MAF. Jack has been coordinating with the webmaster to find ways to increase the size of the OMISS mailing list in order to get out special announcements to the membership. Work is in progress to make mass mailings possible for special circumstances through the use of the membership database.

Special Orders.

None.

Unfinished Business and information.

-The publishing deadline for the O'MISSILE Newsletter is the end of 2011.

-Vetting for the All Bands Coordinator position is underway by the President. We thank the Vice President K0MAF for doing a splendid job while serving as the Acting ABC.

-W5ORA Bill resigned his post as 80m Net Coordinator on 10/28/11. Edwin KJ4KKB was appointed by the Acting ABC on 10/29/11 to temporarily fill the vacant 80m Net Coordinator position, pending Board Confirmation.

-Danny KE5WDI was appointed by the Acting ABC on 10/28/11 to temporarily fill the vacant 160m Net Coordinator position, pending Board Confirmation.

-The NCS Guidelines were updated by the Acting ABC to reflect the new guidance issued by the Board of Directors: No check-ins are allowed prior to NCS gaining control of the frequency.

-OMISS has received an anonymous, initial donation of \$200 from a member. The purpose of this donation is to award Net Controllers of the Quarter with a \$50 gift certificate through a major ham radio supply outlet. The initial \$200 donation was made to get the award started. The donor has expressed an interest to continue this donation for the next decade on the condition of maintaining his anonymity. OMISS expresses its deepest appreciation to this member for this kind act of generosity to our Net controllers.

New Business.

President W4UZI.

None.

Vice President K0MAF.

***Nomination:** K0MAF nominates KJ4KKB for the position of 80m Net Coordinator.

Confirmation Voting Results: The vote was unanimous.

***Nomination:** K0MAF nominates KE5WDI for the position of 160m Net Coordinator.

Confirmation Voting Results: The vote was unanimous.

***Reflector Discussion:** K0MAF discussed the possibility of eliminating the OMISS General Reflector and using the OMISS forums instead. There was no general consensus in support of the elimination; therefore, no motion was made, and the discussion was tabled.

***ABC Issues:** K0MAF advised and gained consent to change the NCS Guidelines to reflect suggested intervals of taking check-ins. The new wording is, as follows: It is your choice to take check-ins as they occur, or take check-ins at different intervals, but this interval should not exceed 20 calls.

Secretary KA8MMI.

***Neil reports that the W Bureau is doing just fine, except for the occasional miss-sent QSL Card. The number of miss-sent cards he has received was going down, but now the number is on the rise.**

***Neil reports that his new job has been keeping him very busy, and that he is on the road a lot. As a result, he has not been on the radio very much.**

Treasurer K5ENA.

No new business.

Director ND8F.

No new business.

Director KA8III.

No new business.

Chairman of the Advisory Council WA4ZOP.

*Update: Member Inquiries and Suggestions.

-WA4ZOP discussed recent member issues to include the member who was promoting pirate software on the reflector, a member who had questions about check-in procedures, a member who recommended we move the 80m net to a new part of the band, and a member who confused the NATA Net with OMISS.

Awards Manager KF5RD.

*KF5RD mentioned that he has two full boxes of QSL Cards that are underfunded due to insufficient postage.

*Discussion: New electronic awards system—can the awards program pay for itself?

-KF5RD reports that he processed 207 free electronic awards last month. One member, alone, received 100 certificates.

-As to the financing of the awards system:

For every electronic dollar we receive for awards, OMISS pays 33 cents to PayPal. Between the PayPal costs, the price of the certificate, the envelope, the ink to print the certificate, plus the postage, there is no way we can ever break even at \$1 per certificate. Pete asked that the board consider going back to a \$2 fee for awards like it was prior to February 15, 2010. In addition, we lose substantial money on millionaire money clips and plaques that are sent out. Pete asked that the board consider requiring members to pay for non-certificate, hard awards.

After much discussion, it was agreed that we monitor the monthly treasury balance and see if raising the awards fee back to \$2 or charging members for non-certificate, hard awards is necessary. The subject will be tabled until January, 2012. The board will assess the financial situation at that time.

*Pete expressed concern over QRM that has moved in very close to our 80m Nets. He suggested that we give Net Controllers more leeway in moving up or down.

-Discussion: Currently, Net Controllers are authorized to move up or down 7 kHz to obtain a clear frequency. It took over six months to become established on 3.942. Therefore, we should not be too quick to abandon 3.942, our base frequency. If we vacate our base frequency to avoid QRM, someone else will just move in and take our spot on 3.942. QRM will come and go. So, for now, our best policy is to stick it out and rely on our good operating practices until this QRM problem passes.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for calendar date: Sunday December 11, 2011 at 9 PM Eastern (which is 0200 UTC on the 12th). The meeting will be conducted on Skype.

Motion to Adjourn: K5ENA

Second: KOMAF

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 0401 UTC.