

THE OMISS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON DECEMBER 11, 2011

Minutes recorded by: WA4ZOP

The meeting was held on Skype

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

Roll Call.

W4UZI ✓
K0MAF ✓
K5ENA late
ND8F ✓
KA8III ✓
KF5RD ✓
WA4ZOP ✓

Guests: KI6WOX, W0VD, W5JDF, KA8MMI

Previous Minutes Approval.

W4UZI emailed the previous meeting minutes to the Board Members for review.

President called for approval of the minutes.

Results: Without objection, it was so ordered.

Treasurer's Report Approval.

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

November, 2011 Treasurer's Report

\$2,591.09 Beginning Balance 11/1/2011
+ 424.36 DUES
+ 133.04 AWARDS
+ 50.00 Transfer from Gift Certificate Ledger
\$3,198.49 TOTAL DEPOSITS IN

\$3,198.49
- 50.00 Charles Gilbert - Reimburse for Gift Certificate
- 22.69 Charissa Dunham - Reimburse for October W Buro expenses
- 22.50 The Sign man - Mug - W5JDF Top Op Oct. 2011
- 32.01 Trophies & Plaques Plus - State Flag Plaque - K8APR
- 8.13 Staples - paper
- 22.83 Dan Miller - Reimburse K Buro Expenses
- 99.07 Peter Mann - Reimburse A, N, DX Buro & Award expenses
\$2,941.26 ENDING BALANCE 11/30/2011

OMISS K QSL BURO Co-Manager Dan Miller, AC00F, reported they had expenses of \$22.83 for the purchase of envelope. They have \$320.36 cash on hand.

OMISS A, N, DX QSL Bureau Manager Pete Mann, KF5RD, had expenses of \$99.07.

OMISS W QSL Bureau Manage Charissa Dunham, KB4BML, reported October expenses of \$22.69.

Respectfully submitted,

John Campbell, K5ENA, 4604
Treasurer & Membership Chairman
December 1, 2011

President called for approval of the Treasurer's report.

Results: Without objection, it was so ordered.

☐ 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. This final update will ideally include the specifics of how the mass-mailings will work to include a mechanism to test the system and put it into use for the O'Missile Newsletter.

The webmaster sent out an experimental mass-mailing on 12/11/11. Anyone who has an email address registered on OMISS, for any reflector, will receive the test email.

☐ Special Orders.

None.

☐ Unfinished Business and information.

-The publishing deadline for the O'MISSILE Newsletter is the end of 2011. Many loose-ends still exist. There are three members who are writers and publishers who have shown an interest in revitalizing the newsletter. More to follow.

-Vetting for the All Bands Coordinator position is complete. The President intends to nominate the new All Bands Coordinator under new business. We thank the Vice President K0MAF for doing a splendid job while serving as the Acting ABC.

-Neil KA8MMI resigned his position as OMISS Secretary effective 11/29/11. The President intends to nominate the new Secretary under new business. We thank Neil for his service and wish him nothing but the best in the future.

-Dan AC00F and Roxie KC0LLB have reluctantly decided to surrender their portion of the three-way OMISS QSL Bureau. Their service to OMISS, throughout the years, has made the OMISS QSL Bureau a true, world-class operation. We will miss them and keep them in our prayers.

-By mutual agreement amongst the remaining QSL Bureau Managers, effective 12/9/11, the OMISS QSL Bureau is being reorganized to operate out of two locations: A, N, and W SASES go to KB4BML, and K SASES go to KF5RD. Outgoing QSL Cards to A, N, W, or DX go to KB4BML, and Outgoing QSL Cards to K go to KF5RD. We thank Charissa KB4BML, Neil KA8MMI, and Pete KF5RD for keeping the QSL Bureau alive and well during this transition.

-Happy Birthday to Warren WA4ZOP. His birthday is December 19th. (still not counting)

☐ New Business.

President W4UZI.

*Nomination: The President nominates Mike KI6WOX to the position of OMISS Secretary, a full, voting member of the Board of Directors.

Second: K0MAF

Discussion: None.

Confirmation Vote Results: The ayes have it. The vote was unanimous. The board confirms KI6WOX.

Actions to be taken: The confirmation announcement will be made to the membership, the Business agent, and the webmaster.

*Nomination: The President nominates Dan W0VD to the position of OMISS All Band Net Coordinator, a full, voting member of the Board of Directors.

Second: ND8F

Discussion: None.

Confirmation Vote Results:

W4UZI Aye

K0MAF Aye

ND8F Aye

KA8III Aye

KF5RD Nay

WA4ZOP Aye

The ayes have it. The board confirms W0VD.

Actions to be taken: The announcement will be made to the Net Coordinators, the Net Controllers, the Business Agent, the webmaster, and the membership, at large.

***By-Laws Review:** The window for updating the OMISS By-Laws opens in February, 2012. These are the proposed timelines:

December-The President Appoints the By-Laws Committee Chairman. The By-Laws Committee Chairman recommends three OMISS Members to form the rest of the Committee, and the President confirms their nominations.

January-The By-laws Committee reviews the By-Laws and through a draft process makes its recommendations to the Board of Directors.

February-First Board vote on proposed changes if any.

March-Second and final Board vote on proposed changes if any.

Appointment: The President appoints Warren WA4ZOP to the position of Chairman of the By-Laws Committee.

Actions to be taken: The Chairman of the By-Laws Committee will form the rest of the Committee by recommending three OMISS Members to the President for confirmation and appointment.

Vice President K0MAF.

*** Jack K0MAF, along with Jerry W5JDF, advised a temporary change to the start time of the Late 40m Nets from 0300 to a starting time of 0400, effective UTC date 12/17/11, for a period of three months. The Board consented.**

Actions to be taken: The ABC will notify all Net Coordinators and make an announcement on the reflector.

Secretary KI6WOX - No report.

Treasurer K5ENA. - No report. "All going well"

Director ND8F. - No report.

Director KA8III. - No report.

Chairman of the Advisory Council WA4ZOP.

Council had one query in November concerning the election of the Net Control of the quarter. The boards position on 'peer' awards was explained and the matter was closed.

Awards Manager KF5RD.

***Discussion:** Should the OMISS DX Bureau process incoming and outgoing QSL Cards for Alaska and Hawaii, or should they go through the regular W, K, A/N Bureaus?

Motion: KF5RD moved that effective immediately, Alaska and Hawaii will no longer be considered DX within the OMISS QSL Bureaus. All members will follow the rules for K, W, A, and N for outgoing QSL Cards and Sases.

Second: KOMAF

Discussion: The rules were suspended for discussion, and the meeting was brought back to order for a vote.

Voting Results: The Ayes were unanimous, and the motion carried.

Actions to be taken: The website will be updated to reflect the change, and the membership will be notified by a combination of reflector messages and messages placed in envelopes from the QSL Bureau Managers.

Motion: KF5RD moved that the OMISS QSL Bureau be disbanded.

Second: K5ENA

Discussion: The rules were suspended for discussion.

Those in favor of disbanding the QSL Bureau based their opinions on the fact that QSL cards are no longer needed for OMISS awards, and there are other, electronic means of contact verification. Therefore, in their opinion, the QSL Bureau is no longer necessary.

Those opposed to disbanding the QSL Bureau based their opinions on the fact that the OMISS QSL Bureau is a longstanding and time-honored tradition, and it should be maintained at all costs.

The meeting was brought back to order for a vote.

Voting Results:

W4UZI	Nay
KOMAF	Nay
K5ENA	Aye
ND8F	Nay
KA8II	Nay
KF5RD	Aye
WA4ZOP	Nay
W0VD	Nay

The motion failed.

All Bands Net Coordinator W0VD

Provided no comment except the he plans to address some of the NC training issues.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for calendar date: Sunday January 8, 2012 at 9 PM Eastern time (which is 0200 UTC on the 9th). The meeting will be conducted on Skype.

Motion to Adjourn: WA4ZOP

Second: K5ENA

Voting Results: The ayes have it. The vote was unanimous.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 0320 UTC