

MINUTES OF THE OMISS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON December 9, 2012

The meeting was held on Skype at 0200Z.

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

Roll Call.

W4UZI	✓
KOMAF	✓
KI6WOX	Excused
K5ENA	✓
ND8F	✓
KF7UX	✓
WA4ZOP	✓
W0VD	✓
KF5RD	✓

Member Observers: W4YQY, K8JTD

Previous Minutes Approval.

KI6WOX emailed the previous meeting minutes to the Board Members for review.

Approval of the previous Minutes.

Results: Approved as published.

Treasurer's Report Approval.

K5ENA presented the Treasurer's Report by email for Board review, prior to the meeting, as follows:

November, 2012 Treasurer's Report

\$3,479.57	Beginning Balance 11/01/2012
+ 311.93	DUES
+ 110.12	AWARDS
\$3,901.62	TOTAL DEPOSITS IN
\$3,901.62	
- 297.30	Staples – Toner Cartridges for Peter Mann's printer
- 7.59	Staples – Paper
- 24.00	The Signman – Mug – W4YQY, Top Op October, 2012
- 25.00	Awards of Praise – Money Clip – WW3K
- 25.00	Awards of Praise – Money Clip – KB9GFX
- 70.57	Peter Mann – Reimburse Awards & K Buro Expenses
- 50.46	Trophy and Plaque Plus – State Flag Plaque, WW3K
\$3,401.70	Ending Balance 11/30/2012

There is still a \$250.00 balance in the Gift Certificate Ledger.

Respectfully submitted,

John Campbell, K5ENA, 4604
Treasurer & Membership Chairman
December 1, 2012

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Reports of Special Committees.

None.

☐ Special Orders.

None.

☐ Unfinished Business and Information.

*2012 Election Results: On 11/22/12, W8EMT, the Election Officer, announced the results of the 2012 OMISS Election, as follows:

Elected were W4UZI as President, KOMAF as Vice President, K5ENA as Treasurer, KI6WOX as Secretary, ND8F and KF7UX as Directors. All of whom assumed office for this term on December 1, 2012.

-511 members voted for at least one elective office. This represents a 46% increase in voting over the last election.
-41 incomplete ballots and 8 ballots received after the voting deadline were rejected.

Conducting an election for a large organization, such as ours, requires a lot of hard work on the part of many volunteers. We thank everyone who contributed their efforts in keeping this a professionally conducted election. A tip of the hat is due to the Nominating Committee, The Candidates, The Election Officer, The QSL Bureau Managers, and The Webmaster. A special tip of the hat is due to all the OMISS Members who participated by voting.

Thank you—one and all—for participating in this year’s election.

*Voting for the OM of the Year for 2012 begins on January 1, 2013.

A plaque will be awarded to the person voted by the general membership as the best operator for the year. Candidates for this award must be a member for the full calendar year, Jan 1 thru Dec 31. The award is open to any member meeting the requirement. Top OPs of the month automatically receive 1 vote for each month they are elected that year, provided they meet the one-year requirement.

Voting commences on January 1 and closes the last day of the month. The winner will be announced by the 5th of February. All votes must be forwarded to the Awards Manager in written form and delivered by either email or postage mail. A voting link will be posted on the website.

Recipients of the OM of the Year Award receive permanent V.I.P. status.

*The O’Missile Editor is accepting articles for the next publication of our newsletter. Members may submit articles to: newsletter@omiss.net.

*A reminder about the QSL Bureaus: Members should not send envelopes thicker than one-quarter inch using First Class Mail. These envelopes are not machine-able, which results in postage due.

*December 19: Happy Birthday Warren WA4ZOP!

☐ New Business.

President W4UZI.

*The President congratulated all Board Members on their reelection and thanked the Board for their tireless dedication to OMISS.

*Announcement: As of December 1, 2012, all current Officer Appointees will remain the same.

Vice President KOMAF.

*KOMAF relayed a request from the membership concerning a proposal to change the format for NCS of the Quarter and OM of the year. The member was invited to attend the board meeting, but was unavailable. The member is welcome to submit his proposal through the Advisory Council, instead.

Secretary KI6WOX.

Excused.

Treasurer K5ENA.

*K5ENA informed the board that he sometimes receives Applications for OMISS Membership from operators who are listed as Technicians on QRZ. His procedure is to verify the operator is indeed a General Class Operator, either through the FCC Database or a CSCE provided by the applicant, before adding the applicant to the OMISS Roster.

Director ND8F.

*Discussion: One of our members asked ND8F about the possibility of having an OMISS Club Call. The idea was discussed, but no clear benefit of having an OMISS Club Call was identified. No action was taken, and the idea was tabled, however, the member is welcome to put his proposal in writing and present it to the Advisory Council for review.

Director KF7UX.

No new business.

Chairman of the Advisory Council WA4ZOP.

*Update Concerning Member Inquiries and Suggestions: No new inquiries.

*WA4ZOP expressed regret for the recent passing of Dave N7COA #1085. Rest well, my friend.

*Warren provided an update on one of our members who is ill. Jack (OJ) N7BBX is currently residing with his sister in New Hampshire, and he no longer has his radio equipment.

Awards Manager KF5RD.

*KF5RD sought and received approval to destroy misdirected 2012 election ballots.

*Announcement: Postage is going up 1 cent to 46 cents on Jan 26,2013. Members who have Forever stamps on their SASEs on file at the QSL Bureaus do not have to worry about the price increase. Those who have 45 cent stamps on their SASEs at the Bureaus will have a grace period until April 1, 2013. Between now and then, OMISS will supply the additional postage. After April 1, 2013, members will be required to send in 1 cent stamps to make up the difference. Advice: buy some Forever stamps before the price increase takes effect.

*Discussion: Should OMISS consider raising the Awards Fee to \$1.25? OMISS loses money on every hard-copy award sent out. Despite this, the consensus was to leave the Award's Fee at the current rate of \$1.00.

*Discussion: Should OMISS consider raising the Money Clip Fee? OMISS pays \$25 for each money clip awarded. The member only pays \$4.00. On average, OMISS awards two or three money clips per month. Despite this, the consensus was to keep the Money Clip Fee at \$4.00, unless it becomes a real problem.

*KF5RD requested that the 2013 OMISS QSO Party Certificates be printed by the Awards Manager. This request was agreed upon to ease the burden on the QSO Party Manager and reduce the personal costs associated with printing the certificates.

*Discussion: Should the QSL Manager review QSL Cards being sent in by members for accuracy; i.e., contact frequency to three digits, contact made during OMISS Net times and on an OMISS Net frequency? The answer is yes, because the By-Laws require the QSL Bureau Managers to process only QSL Cards for contacts made on OMISS Nets, during OMISS Net times, on OMISS Net frequencies. The OMISS QSL Bureaus only process cards made on OMISS Nets.

*Reminders: Members sending in QSL Cards should consider the following:

-Use the proper postage. Under-postage or postage-due cards may be rejected.

-Please make sure to include the OMISS Number of member for whom the card is intended.

-On QSL Cards for mobile contacts, please include the word Mobile in plain view or /M past the mobile operator's call sign. Also, include the county that the mobile operator was in at the time of the contact.

-On SASEs sent in, please include your call sign past your name on your self-addressed stamped envelopes (SASEs).

All Bands Net Coordinator W0VD.

***Status of Nets**

*The 17m Net Coordinator had proposed a shift downward of the 17m Net frequency and an expansion to the existing 17m Net schedule. The current Net frequency for our 17m Nets is 18.165. Our 17m Nets are presently conducted on Saturdays, Sundays, and on Holidays. AD7EM was invited to attend the board meeting to make a presentation, but was unavailable. The discussion was tabled.

*Tenure Announcement: Dan W0VD announced his resignation as the OMISS All Bands Net Coordinator (ABC). Dan agreed to a one-year term appointment, which expired on December 1, 2012. Dan leaves his post having established continuity for the nets. We thank him, and he will be missed. Dan has graciously agreed to train his replacement. Recruiting efforts for the new ABC are underway.

From the Member Observers.

*Dal W4YQY presented the idea of creating a Newcomer's Award. The purpose of this award would be to provide an incentive for members to work newcomers to the nets. The idea was discussed, and there were no objections. Dal is to put his proposal in writing, to include specifics, and present his thoughts either to the Board of Directors or the Advisory Council.

*Jeff K8JTD announced that he would make sure that OMISS has the same booth at the Dayton Hamvention in 2013 as we had in 2012. Jeff is on the Dayton Hamvention Committee.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for calendar date: Sunday January 13, 2013 at 9 PM Eastern time (0200 UTC on the 14th). The meeting will be conducted on Skype.

Motion to Adjourn: KOMAF

Second: K5ENA

Results: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 0322 UTC.