

## MINUTES OF THE OMISS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON JANUARY 13, 2013

The meeting was held on Skype at 0200Z.

**The meeting was called to order by W4UZI at \_\_0202 Z.**

**Roll Call.**

W4UZI	<u>  x  </u>
KOMAF	<u>  x  </u>
KI6WOX	<u>  x  </u>
K5ENA	<u>  x  </u>
ND8F	<u>  x  </u>
KF7UX	<u>  x  </u>
WA4ZOP	<u>  x  </u>
W0VD	<u>  x  </u>
KF5RD	<u>  x  </u>

Member Observers: W4YQY and K8JTD

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**Previous Minutes Approval.**

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

**Approval of the previous Minutes.**

**Results:** Approved as published.

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**Treasurer's Report Approval.**

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

**December, 2012 Treasurer's Report**

\$3,401.70	Beginning Balance 12/01/2012
+	342.86 DUES
+	60.61 AWARDS
+	<u>9.41</u> DONATION - AI4SR
\$3,814.58	<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS IN</b>
\$3,814.58	
-	24.25 The Signman - Mug - W9FML, Top Op Nov. 2012
-	26.75 The Signman - Mug - W7XTZ, Top Op Nov. 2012
-	7.59 Staples - Paper
-	75.95 Staples - Black Toner Cartridge for John Campbell's printer
-	42.07 Charissa Dunham - Reimburse WNA DX Buro Expenses
-	<u>131.65</u> Peter Mann - Reimburse Awards & K Buro Expenses
\$3,506.32	<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2012</b>

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Campbell, K5ENA, 4604  
Treasurer & Membership Chairman  
January 1, 2013

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**Reports of Special Committees.**

None.

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**Special Orders.**

None.

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## ☐ Unfinished Business and Information.

\*Voting for the OM of the Year for 2012 began on January 1, 2013 and ends on January 31, 2013.

\*The O'Missile Editor is accepting articles for the next publication of our newsletter. Members may submit articles to: [newsletter@omiss.net](mailto:newsletter@omiss.net).

\*Happy birthday to John K5ENA on January 23.

\*Happy birthday to Bob KF7UX on February 2.

\*The annual OMISS QSO Party will be conducted from 1500 UTC on February 9, 2013 until 1500 UTC on February 10, 2013. Details to be posted on the website and on the forum.

\*Reminder: 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.

\*Lately, there has been a lot of buzz on the forum and the reflector about QRM. OMISS members are reminded that we must follow good operating practices when we encounter QRM. Anything less is unacceptable. Please remember that one of the tenants of OMISS is to "promote goodwill among ham radio operators", and we, as a Society, are bound to actually do what we say we do.

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## ☐ New Business.

### President W4UZI.

**Motion:** The President nominates Dal Williams W4YQY OM#5549 as the OMISS All Bands Coordinator.

**Second:** K5ENA

**Discussion:** Discussion was led by W4UZI.

### Results of Confirmation Vote: unanimous

**Actions to be Taken:** W4YQY will coordinate with the outgoing All Bands Coordinator W0VD to ensure a smooth transition takes place. The President will announce the confirmation to the membership and update the website.

\*Discussion: We have received recommendations that regularly scheduled nets continue during the 2013 QSO Party. In the past, we have always cancelled nets during the annual QSO Party. Question: Is cancelling our scheduled nets necessary? Results: Continue nets during QSO party as a test this year. QSO Party frequencies must be report to three (3) decimal places.

\*Tasking for W4YQY: Joe KT7E has asked to step down from his position as 20m Net Coordinator due to health concerns. Bill W5ORA has volunteered to fill in during his absence. W4YQY is tasked with contacting KT7E and W5ORA to gather facts and make a recommendation to the board as to our next step.

\*Tasking for W4YQY: Verify that N1PDP is properly certified as a Net Controller. To the best of our knowledge, there has been no official certification even though his name appears on the website list.

\*Request to Board Members: Please review the OMISS Constitution and By-Laws. Report back with any changes believed to be necessary. If needed, we will invoke the By-Laws Committee to make necessary changes.

KOMAF will be the point of contact for the By-Laws Committee

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### Vice President KOMAF.

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### Secretary KI6WOX.

\*Question from a member: May Net Controllers go to a "rodeo" format during nets, which would allow members to make as many contacts as possible within a specified time period. There is no rule precluding such a net.

Discussion on an endorsement for the 40m and 80m Nets. KF5RD and KI6WOX will work out the details.

Discussion on a Birthday award. Administratively would be quite difficult.

KOMAF asked "Can we make it easier to get the State Capitol Award by providing additional information on the web site?" We are going to try to provide a link on the awards page. Can the Net Logger view be changed to indicate state capitol? Would require manual entry or modifying the database.

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**Treasurer K5ENA.**

None

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**Director ND8F.**

None

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**Director KF7UX.**

None

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**Chairman of the Advisory Council WA4ZOP.**

\*Update: Member Inquiries and Suggestions.

Try to avoid conflicts with other nets. Respond appropriately to QRM.

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**Awards Manager KF5RD.**

\*Discussion: Are changes needed to the criteria for the Extra Award?

K0MAF moved, second by W4UZI to rescind the Extra Award. Discussion followed. No one has earned the award in 7 years and excludes many members who hold Extra Class license. Passed

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**All Bands Net Coordinator W4YQY.**

Dal expressed appreciation to the Board for the vote of confidence.

W4YQY would like to see an award for working new comers. He is looking for a method to encourage new comers.

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The next Board Meeting is scheduled for calendar date: Sunday, February 10, 2013 at 9 PM Eastern time (0200 UTC on the 11<sup>th</sup>). The meeting will be conducted on Skype.

**Motion to Adjourn: KF5RD**

**Second: WA4ZOP**

**Results:** The Board Meeting was adjourned at **\_0339z\_\_\_\_\_**