

MINUTES OF THE OMISS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON MARCH 9, 2014

The meeting was conducted on Skype.

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

Roll Call.

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| W4UZI | _x_ |
| KOMAF | _x_ |
| KI6WOX | _x_ |
| K5ENA | _x_ |
| ND8F | _x_ |
| KF7UX | _Excused |
| WA4ZOP | _x_ |
| W4YQY | _x_ |
| KF5RD | _x_ |

Member Observers: 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.

February, 2014 Treasurer's Report

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| \$4,902.60 | Beginning Balance 2/1/2014 |
| + | 435.86 DUES |
| + | <u>17.11 AWARDS</u> |
| - | \$5,355.57 TOTAL DEPOSITS IN |
| | \$5,355.57 |
| - | 188.79 Staples, Color toner cartridges-John's printer |
| - | 78.95 John Dean - Reimbursement for QRZ subscrip and cgiScript.net |
| - | 50.00 The Signman - Mugs-ND8F, W7WSB, Top Ops Jan. 2014 |
| - | 42.86 Trophy and Plaque Plus - OM of the Year 2013 Plaque W9FML |
| - | 8.13 Staples - Paper |
| - | 79.13 Peter Mann - Reimburse for Awards and K Buro Expenses |
| - | <u>75.95</u> Staples - Black Toner Cartridge- Pete's printer |
| | \$4,831.76 Ending Balance 2/28/2014 |

There is still a \$200.00 balance in the Gift Certificate Ledger.

Respectfully submitted,

John Campbell, K5ENA, 4604
Treasurer & Membership Chairman
March 1, 2014

□ Reports of Special Committees.

None.

□ Special Orders.

None.

□ Unfinished Business and Information.

*The 2014 By-Laws Committee is formed. Agreeing to serve on the By-Laws Committee are Greg AE9W, Dale AG4PP, Bob K9UDX, Brian W7JET. Jack K0MAF, the Vice President of OMISS, will serve as the communications liaison between the Board of Directors and the By-Laws Committee.

*The 2014 OMISS QSO Party was conducted on February 8th and 9th, 2014. John K0JDD was in charge. It was a low turnout—only nine participants submitted entries.

*The Dayton Hamvention is May 16th through May 18th, 2014. Coordination need for the OMISS Booth and the OMISS Dinner.

*The OMISS Brochure will be updated prior to the Hamvention.

*K0JDD, the Webmaster, has been doing a feasibility study concerning the possibility of having online voting for the 2014 OMISS Elections. Here are the main points of his findings and recommendations:

ONLINE VOTING (Background):

-The primary issue in online voting systems is verifying the identity of the voter and the authenticity of the vote. If a person or person can vote more than once or easily impersonate another eligible voter, the system has no integrity. A secondary issue is access. Can we be sure that every OMISS member has internet access? A third issue is security. If the system can be hacked, then the results are in doubt.

-There are two plausible ways to do online voting today, and both are complicated and expensive.

1. Hire someone to do it. Numerous commercial offerings are available in this space. You send them an address list of eligible voters and they do the rest. Typically, they mail a postcard with a unique code on it and instructions on where to go on the internet to vote. Companies hold shareholder votes this way all the time. Postage for a card is \$.33 inside the U.S., \$.72 all other countries. Therefore, postage alone is a couple thousand dollars which in itself should make any advocates take notice. With labor and other expenses, I can't imagine anyone doing it for less than \$1.00 per voter, probably a lot more.

2. HomeBrew it. The issue here is still going to be cost. Once again, a postcard would need to be sent. Assuming 80% of 9,000 members are still alive, you need to send out 7,200 postcards. First you have to print and sort them. About 2,500 could be stuffed into bureau envelopes.

- The downloadable ballot on the web site had 525 hits in Oct 2012 and 52 hits in November 2012. About 500 votes were cast 2012. Bottom-line: the remaining thousands of ballots we mailed were not used. It is likely that the 500 who voted would have voted whether the bureau sent them a ballot or not. These are the members who take an interest in OMISS.

WEBMASTER SUGGESTIONS:

If the goal is to reduce the work the bureau has to do, then a relatively simple suggestion would be to change the bylaws so that any ballot distribution is a 'pull' system versus a 'push' system. In other words, make the ballot available, online, and make provisions for those without internet access to vote.

* The incoming addresses for the OMISS reflector and the NCS reflector have changed for security reasons. The reflector address for making posts is now omiss@omiss.net . The new address for the NCS reflector is NCS@omiss.net .

☐ New Business.

President W4UZI.

None.

Vice President K0MAF.

K0MAF proposed selling the 10000 member number. Discussed. Numbers are now issued automatically.

No support from the rest of the Board.

Secretary KI6WOX.

None.

Treasurer K5ENA.

The on-line application is working well. Over 50 have used the new method.

Director ND8F.

None.

Director KF7UX.

Excused.

Chairman of the Advisory Council WA4ZOP.

*Member Inquiries:

Awards Manager KF5RD.

Current plaque supplier has changed personnel and many problems. KF5RD is looking for a new supplier. He has eliminated NTS traffic for needing SASE. KF5RD questioned the need for the Society to sponsor the QSO party given the lack of participation.

Asked why the 80m band has such a large frequency range. This rule was made due to crowding in the band. There was a discussion about expanding the range for 40m as well. ABC is observing, and will determine if there is a need.

All Bands Net Coordinator W4YQY.

*Status of Nets and NCS Vacancies.

At the moment, things are going smoothly.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for calendar date: Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 10 PM Eastern time (0200 UTC on the 14th).

Motion to Adjourn: K0MAF

Second: ND8F

Results: passed Meeting adjourned 0258Z.