

MINUTES OF THE OMISS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

The meeting was conducted on Skype.

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

Roll Call.

W4UZI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
KOMAF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
KI6WOX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K5ENA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ND8F	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
KF7UX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WA4ZOP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
W4YQY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
KF5RD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Member Observers: W5JDF, KD0TXH, W5ORA

Previous Minutes Approval.

*KI6WOX emailed the Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting conducted on 8/10/14.

-Approval of the August, 2014 Minutes.

-Results: Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report Approval.

August, 2014 Treasurer's Report

\$5,194.84	Beginning Balance 8/1/2014
+	273.41 DUES
+	7.16 AWARDS
+	77.60 SASE's
+	<u>1.85 Donation - KE8QW</u>
\$5,554.86	TOTAL DEPOSITS IN
\$5,554.86	
-	23.00 The Signman - Mug, N5GGG, Top Op July, 2014
-	107.83 Charissa Dunham, Reimburse for WNADX Buro Expenses
-	8.45 Staples - Paper
-	199.66 Staples - Color toner cartridges, John's printer
-	<u>83.12 Peter Mann - Reimburse for Awards, K Buro, SASE Expenses</u>
\$5,132.80	Ending Balance 8/31/2014

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Reports of Special Committees.

None.

Special Orders.

*Without Objection, the President was permitted to make an announcement declaring that he, W4UZI, was not seeking reelection as President of OMISS.

□ Unfinished Business and Information.

***2014 By-Laws Committee Update:** The recommended change to the By-Laws that would have eliminated the requirement to mail Election Ballots to members, via the QSL Bureaus, did not make it out of the By-Laws Committee. The By-Laws Committee did not believe it was in the best interests of OMISS to amend just this paragraph. Instead, the Committee would prefer to do a complete review of the By-Laws. The committee remains dedicated to their mission and are available as needed by the Board of Directors. We thank them for their service to OMISS.

Note: The direct impact of the Amendment not making it out of Committee is that our QSL Bureaus will have to mail Election Ballots on October 15th unless otherwise requested by the member.

***2014 Election Cycle Update:**

Major Timelines for the 2014 Elections:

-July: The President appoints a three-person Nominating Committee—Completed.

The three members of the 2014 OMISS Nominating Committee are Bill W5ORA #6683, Dave KD0TXH #8641, and Thad AD8W #8594.

-September 14: The Nominating Committee formally submitted the list of nominees to the Board of Directors. With this formal submission the Nominating Committee is dissolved—Completed.

The Nominating Committee's Official list of Nominees follows:

After diligently gathering nominees for the OMISS BOD, with our set deadline for all nominees on August 31, 2014, we, the committee of three, have compiled the final list of nominees and are turning them over to the existing BOD to continue the election process. So that there are not any questions on how these were chosen, be it known that all nominees that were named are on the list. We had one person nominated for two different offices, but the person did not want to run for one office, so that situation was resolved quickly. We, the nominating committee, thank you for the opportunity to serve OMISS in this capacity. The following is a list of the offices and their nominees (these are not in any particular order):

***President:** 1) N4JTE BOB #1440#, 2) W4YQY DAL #5549#, 3) WL7X KEN #7889#.

***Vice President:** 1) K0MAF JACK #5274#, 2) W5JDF JERRY #6949#.

***Treasurer:** 1) K5ENA JOHN #4604#.

***Secretary:** 1) W9FML CARRIE #8420#.

***Directors** (two(2) positions): 1) K6HP ED #7019#, 2) KF7UX BOB #2167#, 3) ND8F HOMER #774#, 4) W6NWF VIV #7000#, 5) W7XTZ MIKE #7112#.

As I send this report to the President of the BOD, I hereby declare that we have fulfilled the requirements of the nominating committee and the said committee is hereby dissolved and no longer functioning.

signed: Bill W5ORA #6683# spokesperson, Dave KD0TXH #8641#, Thad AD8W #8594#

-September 14: The President reconfirms the appointment of N4JLT as the Election Officer for the 2014 OMISS Election.

-September 14: Announcement to membership: Official election ballots will be available online on October 15. Ballots will be mailed to members who have a SASE on file in the QSL Bureau. Members are encouraged to use the online ballot and contact their respective QSL Bureau if they do not want one of the SASEs used.

-September 21: Nominees meet with each other to decide an agreed upon protocol for campaigning. September 21st is the target date for this meeting. Nominees will have the opportunity to present their campaign message to the membership on the OMISS Forum and on the OMISS Reflector.

-October 15: Voting begins.

-November 15: Voting ends.

-November 22: The Election Officer shall have the votes tallied and inform the Board of Directors of the results.

-December 1: The newly elected members of the Board of Directors begin their terms of office.

***Huntsville Hamfest Update:** The OMISS booth at the Huntsville Hamfest on August 16th and 17th, 2014 was a huge success. Many OMISS Members dropped by the booth. Several non-members also stopped by to inquire about us. Our

thanks go to Dal W4YQY, Warren WA4ZOP, and Edwin KJ4KKB, along with his mother, Deborah, for helping make this event a success. We look forward to attending, again, in 2015.

☐ New Business.

President W4UZI.

*No new business.

Vice President K0MAF.

*No new business.

Secretary KI6WOX.

*Absent.

Treasurer K5ENA.

*K5ENA led a discussion on ways to deal with members who act belligerent, rude, or personally degrade other members. K5ENA and KOJDD were the targets of a member who complained over an admin error. The President agreed to consult with KOJDD and report to the Board of Directors.

Director ND8F.

*No new business.

Director KF7UX.

*No new business.

Chairman of the Advisory Council WA4ZOP.

*Member Inquiries:

-W9FML—referred to the President.

*WA4ZOP suggested adding a provision to the By-Laws, which would cover public rudeness on the part of one OMISS Member towards another OMISS Member. The suggestion was taken under advisement and tabled for possible future action by the Board of Directors.

Awards Manager KF5RD.

*KF5RD Discussion: Reorganize Bureaus' tasks and responsibilities? KF5RD has offered to take the A Prefixes or DX from the other Bureau to lighten her load.

*Fort Award took effect September 1, 2014.

*US Presidents Last Name Award took effect September 1, 2014.

*City/County Same Name Award took effect September 1, 2014.

All Bands Net Coordinator W4YQY.

*Status of Nets and NCS Vacancies?

-20m: NCS vacancies still exist. The ABC is examining ways to encourage the Net Coordinators to become more involved in recruiting of new NCS stations.

*W4YQY shared his concern about the personal attacks made by an OMISS Member against other OMISS Members.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for calendar date: Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 10 PM Eastern time (UTC 0200 on the 13th).

Motion to Adjourn: ND8F

Second: KF5RD

Results: The meeting was adjourned at 0250 UTC.