

# OMISS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## APPROVED MEETING NOTES

APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

1. Meeting called to Order by W9FML at \_\_\_ 1:00\_\_\_ ZULU via Skype

2. Roll Call:

President -W9FML	Present
Vice President-K6HP	Present
Treasurer-K5ENA	Present
Secretary-W7XTZ	Present
Director-N4JTE	Present
Director-KJ5IM	Present
Advisory Chairman-KK9KK	Present
Awards Manager-K9WVL	Present
All Band Coordinator-AI0A	Present

Guests in attendance: KF7TLL, WB8GCF, K8MPW, WB0YBZ, W4PW & KE0CRP

Members/Attendees are asked to refrain from interrupting the Board Meeting unless the President or a Board member specifically requests clarification from a member/attendee. Guests will be given an opportunity to address the board following the formal business.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting were submitted for approval. Were the suggested changes made? Any further changes?

**Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted**

4. Treasurer Report:

March, 2017 Treasurer's Report

\$6,562.73 Beginning Balance March 1, 2017

+ 209.00 DUES

+ 25.73 AWARDS

+ 179.00 SASE's

\$6,976.46 TOTAL DEPOSITS IN

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- 9.25 Amazon.com, Rubber Stamp for Tim, VISA

- 21.25 Amazon.com, Shipping pads for Tim, VISA

- 213.28 Peter Mann, reimburse Feb membership and K Buro expense, ck# 1240

- 27.15 The Signman, Mug, W4DFR Top Op Feb, 2017

- 269.10 Staples, Toner cartridges for John's printer.

- 20.00 The Stichin Post, Gift for N8SPM, Visa
  - 6.80 Carrie Krueger, Reimburse postage for N8SPM Gift, CK# 1241
  - 59.38 Neil Dunham, Reimburse for W N A DX Buro, ck# 1242
  - 33.57 Robert Moody, Reimburse for sympathy cards, etc. CK# 1243
  - 24.90 Amazon.com, 3 Pks of paper for Tim, VISA
  - 16.73 Amazon.com, Neenah paper for Tim, VISA
  - 10.62 Amazon.com, Clasp envelopes for Tim, VISA
  - 79.21 Staples, Black Toner cartridge for Pete's printer
  - 250.00 Dayton Hamvention, Booth Rental, ck# 1244
  - 354.00 Carrie Krueger, Hotel Expense for Dayton, ck# 1245
  - 28.00 Stichin' Post, Gift for N5JLC, VISA
  - 67.73, Sims' Florist, Flowers for Bob's son's Funeral, VISA
  - 6.65 Carrie Krueger, Postage for N5JLC gift, ck# 1246
  - 108.91 Peter Mann, Reimburse membership and K Buro Expenses, ck1247
- \$5,369.93 Ending Balance March 31, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

John Campbell, K5ENA, 4604

Treasurer

April 2, 2017

**Treasurers report unanimously approved as submitted.**

5. Reports of Special Committees:

5.1 Bylaw Review: no updates at this time

6. Special Orders

6.1 NONE

7. Unfinished Business:

7.1 Dayton Hamvention update: Booth has been secured at a discounted rate of \$250.00, booth assignment is 6507. Forum has been updated with dinner, hotels, special events at Dayton among other things. A dinner guest list has also been posted. Announcements on the nets regarding the dinner and to visit the forum for more information. W9FML would like to express that having a booth at Dayton has been established by boards before us. The members had gone above and beyond to provide a dinner, OMISS photo, and above all, an opportunity for fellowship. In order to continue providing this event for years to come, it is important to recognize that for some, financial burdens may not allow board members to host this event. During the past election cycle, it was an issue of importance to our membership. They have come to expect our booth there, and we should be. Just like all other clubs in amateur radio. Dayton has a tremendous amount of foot traffic and what better place to promote OMISS and goodwill among hams. W9FML suggests that each year, depending on number of board members willing to volunteer, the board should establish a dollar amount to help defray the cost so they can host this event. Board members should not be expected to pay for this entirely out of their pocket, nor should they be criticized for not being able to afford it. There

is a level of privacy for board members/OMISS members, they should not feel pressured to reveal their financial situation to justify not being at Dayton.

- 7.2 Scholarship- W9FML has been in contact with Lauren at the ARRL. It is advised to not specify preference for OMISS member/family member. They do not want to set a precedence for other clubs by adding this option. At this time, does the board want to move forward with the scholarship selection process by the ARRL? Alternative option would be to have our club do this privately, but due to tax filing status, it is not advised at this time. Discussion  
**Carrie: Do board members approve of letting the ARRL administer the scholarship using their methods?**

**Straw vote (for opinion only): Carrie W9FML Yay, Mike W7XTZ Yay, Bob N4JTE Yay, Ed K6HP Yay, Jim KJ5IM Yay, Rich KK9KK No, against the scholarship as it would be open to non-OMISS applicants, Dave AI0A No, for same reasons as Rich KK9KK, John K5ENA Yay, let the ARRL administer it and open applications to all.**

**Motion by Bob N4JTE, second by Tim K9WVL that we have an OMISS scholarship administered by the ARRL focusing on "STEM" (science, technology, engineering & math) applicants. Motion amended by Ed K6HP that the final decision to be made after the board decides on qualifications & details.**

**Motion carried after "yay" votes by all except Rich KK9KK & Dave AI0A who voted no.**

#### New Business:

President W9FML

- 7.3 Congratulations to W3SCA and W5AD on being voted TOP OP for the month of March. Tremendous relay stations!
- 7.4 Congratulations to N4JTE on being voted NCS of the month for March!  
Old timers still have it, great job Bob.
- 7.5 WB8RWM-Bob lost his son to cancer very unexpectedly, a card and plant was sent on behalf of OMISS.
- 7.6 W9FML plans to present a couple of awards at Dayton. If members are not in attendance, the award will be mailed. If the board has any nominations, please submit by May 1 to allow enough time to vote and prepare award/s.
- 7.7 W9FML suggests an increase in dues. Dues have not been raised in years. With decrease in new members due to poor conditions, to help defray cost of awards, assist with making OMISS available to our membership at Dayton, PayPal fees. Awards manager has stated costs for mailing awards (envelopes, cardstock, postage, ink, protectors, PayPal fee) is nearing \$3.50-\$4.00. Suggestion being made to increase to \$2.50 to keep cost down for members. Increasing dues can help offset the difference of \$1.00-/\$1.50  
Discussion is only on dues increase, K9WVL will discuss the awards increase in his Awards Manager section of this meeting.

#### 8. Board Member Information and Discussion:

9. Motion by Bob N4JTE, second by Tim K9WVL that new members dues be increased to \$10 and implemented by July 1, 2017
10. Motion carried after yes votes by all except Rich KK9KK & Dave AI0A who voted no (after discussion posted below).

10.1 Vice President K6HP

Ed would like to increase dues from the current \$7 to \$10. If we increase dues to \$10 then we should postpone any awards fee increase to see if we accrue enough money for an OMISS scholarship.

10.2 Treasurer K5ENA

Using PayPal we net \$6.50 from dues & \$0.91 on awards. We need to collect more money.

10.3 Secretary W7XTZ

Agree with both of the above

10.4 Director N4JTE

Bob agrees with dues increase to \$10 but would like to table/postpone any awards fee increase. Asked Dave AI0A to define declining membership. Dave answered "declining new membership year over year". Ed K6HP believes current propagation is preventing newcomers from hearing or stumbling across our nets & joining us. Ability to hear us then join us to have fun will decline.

10.5 Director KJ5IM

Believes \$10 is reasonable.

10.6 Chairman of the Advisory Panel KK9KK

Rich says an increase will only affect new members as our dues are for a lifetime. It will not affect existing members nor printed awards receivers. Doesn't believe we should have an increase.

AM net discussion

The board previously decided against hosting an AM net due to lack of staffing and we are a Single Side Band organization. Consensus during discussion is against an AM net.

Alternative frequency discussion

The advisory committee is against using an alternative frequency vs. the current spread. Individual station problems should not dictate where we should assemble as there are too many problems finding a clear frequency. Consensus during discussion is against an AM net.

10.7 Awards Manager K9WVL

Yes to a dues increase.

Increase in awards fees \$2.50 per award

Total cost of printing, stuffing & mailing awards is \$1.70, OMISS receives \$1.25 and we are losing money. We should raise the fee to \$2.50 so we can

cover costs. Pete KF5RD former buro manager felt this should have been done earlier.

Motion by Tim K9WVL to raise printed awards fees to \$2.00 by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion Fails due to no votes by all except for Tim K9WVL. We will revisit this in October 2017.

#### 10.8 All Band Coordinator AI0A

No to a dues increase. Dave doesn't like raises, most payments are via PayPal which eats into the fees we collect.

Still acting BC for 15M

60-day review for KE0CRP 40M, and WO4L 160M as band coordinators

Jake KE0CRP is doing a great job while in training to be a Band Coordinator Station on 40 meters and would like to make him a permanent NCS.

Motion by Dave AI0A, second by Bob N4JTE to appoint Jake KE0CRP as a permanent NCS. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Dave also feels that Bob W04L is doing a great job while in training to be a 160 meter NCS.

Motion by Dave AI0A, second by Tim K9WVL to appoint Bob W04L as a Band Coordinator. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Non-active NCS discussion/suggestion

Active or non-active NCS stations will be removed by the All Bands Coordinator if he feels they should be removed.

So moved by Ed K6HP, second by Bob N4JTE. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### 11. Member/Attendee Comments:

The board will hear discussion of unannounced matters pertaining to OMISS club business. Board members may discuss, but can take no action. Are there any members who wish to address the board?

Bruce KF7TLL: Agrees with NCS removal if they want out.

Bil K8MPW: Will mentor an inactive NCS on 17 meters so they can freshen up their skills.

Ken WB0YBZ: Thanks for all that the board does.

Patrick W4PW: "I'm the newest member and believe that the \$7.00 membership dues & \$1.25 awards fee is low. We should raise fees and spend moneys raised on events such as Dayton (Hamvention).

I don't like it when a station is finished with their turn on the net, says 'back to net' and another station jumps in and says 'go up for grabs'. When a station says "back to net" then control reverts to the NCS station."

12. Next Board Meeting Scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 0100 ZULU

Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month. Skype will be hosted by President W9FML.

13. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn by \_\_\_\_\_ Bob N4JTE \_\_\_\_\_

Second by \_\_\_\_\_ Ed K6HP \_\_\_\_\_

Any Objections? \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_

If none, Meeting Adjourned at \_\_\_2:44\_\_\_ ZULU

Board members are encouraged to stay and visit with guests at conclusion of meeting. Thank you for attending.

Carrie W9FML

OMISS President