

OMISS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Draft Notes

November 13, 2017

1. Meeting called to Order by W9FML at _1:01__ ZULU via Skype
2. Roll Call:
President -W9FML
Vice President-K6HP
Treasurer-K5ENA
Secretary-W7XTZ
Director-N4JTE
Director-N8SPM
Advisory Chairman-KK9KK
Awards Manager- KI6WOX
All Band Coordinator-AI0A

Guests in attendance: **WB8GCF, ND8F, NJ8G, K8MPW, WB0YBZ, KB6TSQ**

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 October 9th, 2017 meeting were submitted for approval. Any questions or changes? **Approved as submitted**

Approval of Treasurer's Report

October, 2017 Treasurer's Report

\$5,318.35 Beginning Balance October 1, 2017
+ 314.66 DUES
+ 54.66 AWARDS
+ 55.60 SASE's
\$5,743.27 **TOTAL DEPOSITS IN**
\$5,743.27
- 12.00 Mike Maddox, Reimburse expenses, CK# 1271
- 35.00 Stitchin' Post, Gift August NCS, VISA
- 208.88 Staples, Color cartridges for John's printer, VISA
- 7.56 Peter Mann, Reimburse membership & K buro expense, CK# 1272
- 10.36 Mike Maddox, Reimburse Awards expenses, CK# 1273
\$5,469.47 Ending Balance October 31, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

John Campbell, K5ENA, 4604
Treasurer
November 1, 2017

Approved as submitted

4. Reports of Special Committees:

4.1 Bylaw Review: KA7MPX and the bylaw committee have submitted a final draft of the bylaws on Oct 3rd, with all the amendments suggested, for the board to review. First vote take at October meeting, passed unanimously, second/final vote tonight in unfinished business.

5. Special Orders:

NONE

6. Unfinished Business:

6.1 Scholarship- OMISISS Scholarship has been approved. It is posted on the ARRL scholarship page and W9FML will be working this week to get posted on our website as well s sent to the reflectors to notify our membership. I will send payment information to K5ENA via email this week as to meet the requirement of payment by Dec 31st. K0JDD will be assisting in making this noticeable on our website.

6.2 BYLAWS- A final document was submitted for the board to review on Oct 3rd. One minor suggestion was made, corrected and resubmitted to the board on Oct 6th. **K6HP moves & N4JTE seconds that bylaws be accepted. All yays except 1 nay by AI0A, motion passes.**

Thank you to the committee for your work, if passed, the bylaw committee is officially released from duty. We thank you for your work.

6.3 40 Meter band discussion: Advisory council presented discussion from member, NJ8G, regarding 40m late nets being able to move due to interference/noise etc. Walt asked for time to do more study. **KK9KK advisory council chair gives his time over to NJ8G. NJ8G has monitored the band at night and found S7-S9 noise, conditions were bad and doesn't think moving would help at this time. Consensus was to table this idea at this time.**

6.4 Awards Update: Last month, suggestions were made to update the language in several awards, including cost updates. Mike sent a proposed change to some, but not all, of the awards. W9FML emailed Mike to discuss the remaining items. Both Pete and Mike are in favor of the changes thus far. **KI6WOX moves & N4JTE seconds that changes be accepted except for no change to the Father Time Award. Motion carries unanimously.**

6.5 Award updates from those Tim worked on. Not posted on website as of yet, W9FML would like them posted asap.

6.6 Net brochure. This has been brought to my attention again. It is very outdated, for some reason, not removed from website after requested, and is also included in new member welcome. KI6WOX was going to make changes, if they are unable to be made to Tim's document, we need to

either find someone to recreate it or move to do a website page of the OMISS officer bio's at the very least. Discussion. **KI6WOX says changes are very difficult due to the type of software. W9FML says maybe create new biographies & photos then put on the website. W9FML & KI6WOX will study then present any "changes" in December.**

6.7 Discussion of adding 3rd 160 M net for trial basis due to abundance of volunteers to host them. **AIOA has no new information, consensus is to table the idea until December.**

7. New Business:

President W9FML

7.1 Congratulations to WL7X, Ken, on being voted the Top Op of the month for October! So grateful for the AK contacts made for our members.

7.2 Congratulations to KD2DMR, Jeremy, for being voted the NCS of the month for October. Jeremy currently hosts Mon on 40m.

7.3 AG4PP Dale Danner, has resigned as our Business Agent. He asked to be replaced by year end for an easy transition into the new year. W9FML has appointed KI4BM, Ray Whitehouse, OM# 8662 as the new Business Agent for OMISS. W9FML filed the required documents with the State of Kentucky today and notified Dale of the replacement. KI4BM will be filing the document with his county court house in the coming days. W9FML thanks Dale for his service for so many years as he is only the 2nd person in OMISS history to hold this role. And thank you to Ray, for taking over this responsibility and we look forward to years to come with you. W9FML will send info to webmaster this week with all other changes from this meeting. **W9FML would like to give AG4PP the Joe Fish Lifetime Achievement Award and give him VIP status. Will be put on the agenda for December.**

7.4 Chaplain report: several cards sent to members and emails to members needing encouragement. Note from AE9W, Greg Stillwell, "Chaplain Moody, Thanks you and the rest of OMISS for the kind card at the passing of my mother. It was great to see a card from one of the biggest families I have had the pleasure to be a part of over the years. (It also reminded me that you're still there when I finally get time to get on the air again.) Please relay my thanks to the group for that kindness. Thank you and 73, Greg AE9W #3331."

7.5 W9FML would like to challenge all board members and those that serve in VIP status to make an effort to vote for top op and ncs monthly. Our voting numbers have always been poor, and I would like to see us lead by example on the nets and encourage voting. One way to start is to do it ourselves. Any discussion? **KI6WOX is chagrined that more current VIP's don't vote.**

7.6 Last year we adjusted our meeting time to accommodate schedule of K5ENA for the winter months, is that needed this year as well? **K5ENA says no, except for the second Sunday in December.**

8. Board Member Information and Discussion:

8.1 Vice President K6HP
NONE

8.2 Treasurer K5ENA
NONE

8.3 Secretary W7XTZ
NONE

8.4 Director N4JTE

Are check ins at 1:00 zulu year round? Was pointed out that check ins are at 00:30 zulu during daylight savings time.

8.5 Director N8SPM
NONE

8.6 Chairman of the Advisory Panel KK9KK
NONE

8.7 Awards Manager KI6WOX
NONE.

8.8 All Band Coordinator AI0A:

Had a NCS get on the “soap box” (comments section of the net attendance upload) with comments that AIOA though were inappropriate. AIOA had the webmaster remove his privileges to make comments on the upload. Privileges restored by W9FML and AI0A wonders why he is not allowed to do his job.

W9FML did not think the comments were an abuse of the privilege and had it restored. W9FML felt that the NCS was improperly gagged without a board of directors decision.

AIOA feels that the president (W9FML) is not allowing him to do his job.

W9FML says when a NCS has problems with another NCS that the band coordinator should handle it. The “soap box” should not be used as a public forum for complaints. The ABC (All Band Coordinator) should not make a decision for the Board.

NOTE: Advisory committee has been apprised of the situation and the board is waiting to hear their recommendations.

9. 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?

RECORD COMMENTS

WB8GCF has been on 160 meters and is ready to participate if we do a 3rd net.

K8MPW says negative comments should go the Band Coordinator (not on the soap box).

WB0YBZ had an issue with a NCS. He asked for a priority call to an Alaska station that was on the net but was told NO (no resolution made nor asked for). WB0YBZ reads the "soap box" and thinks it's helpful when it's about Net conditions, appreciation expressed for those that helped and thinks comments should not be abused.

KB6TSQ says let's take a step back, this should be about having fun.

10. Next Board Meeting Scheduled for December 11th, 2017 at 0100 ZULU
Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month. Skype will be hosted by President W9FML.

11. Adjournment:
Motion to Adjourn by __KI6WOX_____
Second by _____K5ENA_____
Any Objections? _____None_____
If none, Meeting Adjourned at _2:41__ZULU

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

Carrie W9FML 8420 OMISS President