

# OMISS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## AGENDA

January 15, 2018

1. Meeting called to Order by W9FML at \_\_1:57\_\_ ZULU via Skype

2. Roll Call:

President -W9FML	Present
Vice President-K6HP	Present
Treasurer-K5ENA	Present
Secretary-W7XTZ	Present
Director-N4JTE	Present
Director-N8SPM	Present
Advisory Chairman-KK9KK	Present
Awards Manager- KI6WOX	Present
All Band Coordinator-AI0A	Present

Guests in attendance: WB8GCF, K8MPW, NJ8G, KD5YPH, N5JLC, KG5JIM, WB8RWM, 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 December 11th, 2017 meeting were submitted for approval. Any questions or changes? **Approved as submitted**

Approval of Treasurer's Report

**December, 2017 Treasurer's Report**

\$5,652.24 Beginning Balance December 1, 2017

+ 551.09 DUES

+ 3.98 AWARDS

+ 99.70 SASE's

**\$6,307.01 TOTAL DEPOSITS IN**

\$6,307.01

- 1,010.00 The ARRL Foundation, OMISS Scholarship, CK# 1277

- 13.32 Mike Maddox, Reimburse Expenses, CK# 1278

- 24.38 Staples, paper for Treasurer John Campbell, VISA

- 59.51 Neil Dunham, Reimburse Expenses, CK# 1279

- 50.38 Peter Mann, Reimburse expenses, CK# 1280

**\$5,149.42 Ending Balance December 31, 2017**

Respectfully submitted,  
John Campbell, K5ENA, 4604  
Treasurer  
January 1, 2018

**Approved as submitted**

4. Reports of Special Committees:

NONE

5. Special Orders:

NONE

6. Unfinished Business:

6.1 Scholarship- ARRL acknowledged the OMISS scholarship in the January edition of the QST magazine.

6.2 Awards Update: Mike accomplished the huge task of updating all the awards on the website to reflect the new ones that K9WVL edited. Mike also had the thumbnails updated.

6.3 Net brochure update: Mike completed this and it is posted on the website. Copy was sent to the membership chairman to include with the new member email.

7. New Business:

President W9FML

7.1 Congratulations to our own KI6WOX, Mike, for being voted TOP OP for the month of December. If they only knew the amount of work you accomplished behind the scenes as well as on the nets. Thank you.

7.2 Congratulations to WO4L, Bob, for being voted the NCS of the Month for December. Another hard working BC being acknowledged for their work. Bob is busy helping on 20, 80, and adding days on 160! Great job Bob!

7.3 Chaplain report: "for the month of December I sent out 21 cards to those I knew about who have lost loved ones during the year, recovering from surgeries and illnesses and battling cancer. I wrote three or four emails of general encouragement for the membership and the BOD. I sent some individual emails for encouragement to Terry before he had his scope procedure done. I haven't heard from him since. I wrote three prayers and put them on AIM for members who were have some difficulties. December was a busy month. I also blessed the holidays and encouraged all members to remember those who were suffering from the natural disasters and illnesses and losses. As a sidelight, I made some custom cards that I sent out to people."

7.4 160m update: trial for month of January adding one net per week. AIOA to report. Extra 160 meter nets have been held on Sundays and will continue until the end of April.

**KK9KK moves & KI6WOX seconds that the additional 160 meter nets continue. K6HP moves to amends the motion to read that the additional nets continue until the end of the 160 meter season then the board takes up this matter again in the fall.**

7.5 Dayton Hamvention: W9FML has been monitoring for registration forms to be available. Last year we were assured that our booth price would remain at \$250. Door prizes have been secured from The Sign Man, Gigaparts, MFJ, Cheap QSL'S, KB3IFH, Ham Radio Deluxe, HRO, and Yaesu.

7.6 OMISS QSO Party: Dates have been set, K0JDD has agreed to host this event again this year. Dates are Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1500 ZULU through Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1500 ZULU , detail are available on website. AIOA to have NCS start announcements.

8. Board Member Information and Discussion:

8.1 Vice President K6HP

**There should be a pow wow with all the NCS, the net coordinators, the ABC & the advisory committee regarding the published frequencies & 7kc spread.**

8.2 Treasurer K5ENA

NONE

8.3 Secretary W7XTZ

Contacted Sea Pac to inquire of having an OMISS booth. Awaiting more information **No information received at this time. Sea Pac to be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

8.4 Director N4JTE

**Wants to get rid of the 7kc spread.**

Frequency discussion regarding 40 and 80 m. Asking that we consider eliminating the 7kc spread and updating our website to reflect that information. See attached copy of emails that were sent to W9FML from N9KX and N5JLC, these include an email thread which the 80m coordinator weighed in.

**Straw vote on whether to lock in specific frequencies with only a 1kc spread:**

**W9FML: Lock in a specific frequency & only move +/- 1kc if needed. We shouldn't bully a qso in progress to get our desired frequency.**

**K6HP: Want to keep the ability to move +/- 7kc in order to allow NCS stations to move. Have the notification on our website that the net may be held +/- 7kc not listed so prominently.**

**K5ENA: Leave at the discretion of NCS stations to move +/- 2kc.**

**W7XTZ: Keep it as is.**

**N4JTE: Disagrees with 7kc spread. Wouldn't want a NCS to push off another net that may start up on our desired frequency.**

**N8SPM: Lock in a frequency and do away with the published 7kc spread. Only move 1 or 2 kc if needed.**

**KK9KK:** Previous discussions were to help new & guest stations find us on the air. Decisions must be across all bands (not just for one or a few), we can't have a 1kc spread on one band and not for others.

**KI6WOX:** Doesn't like it when there's an argument with another group as to who had a frequency first.

**AI0A:** Keep it (the 7kc spread) as is. If we remove the published spread we'll get harassed by other groups that "we're not on our published frequency". When we moved our 80 meter frequency there were lots of comments that we weren't on "our" frequency. The +/- 7kc spread needs to be front & center, clear and uniform across all OMISS bands. Having NATA before our 40 meter nets has been great as they have been able to hold the frequency until we take over. However, lately, they have been on other frequencies or have finished early. If that's the case, then OMISS members need to have a qso to hold the frequency until a NCS shows up.

On 80 meters, if we publish 3830 then we better try to hold a net there so as to not interfere with other groups. Groups come & go and we don't want to cause problems with a group on another frequency just because it's open at that moment. There's been a lot of work negotiating with other nets.

8.5 Director N8SPM

NONE

8.6 Chairman of the Advisory Panel KK9KK

Since the awards are in order maybe save them in the cloud to avoid the recent problems that we had with the previous awards manager?

8.7 Awards Manager KI6WOX

NONE.

8.8 All Band Coordinator AI0A:

NONE

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?

**WB8GCF** thanks the board for what it does and also for extending the 160 meter extra net experiment until the end of the season.

**KB6TSQ** thanks the board for listening.

**WB8RWM says that health problems have prevented her and her OM from participating in the nets. Nothing new has been heard from or about KA8YIT. W4AMY is doing OK and has some bad days.**

**10. Next Board Meeting Scheduled for February 12, 2018 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     K5ENA    

Second by                     K6HP                    

Any Objections?             None            

If none, Meeting Adjourned at     3:31     ZULU

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

**Carrie W9FML 8420 OMISS President**

**EMAIL NOTES REGARDING THE 80M AND 40M FREQUENCY CONVERSATION.**

I do then have one additional question -- hopefully you have been following the recent 80m Center Net freq discussion on the NCS List.

My suggestion, backed by 80m Band coordinator Aaron N2HTL as well as by Bob N4JTE, is that we LIST the official 80m Net frequency as 3.830/3.831.

The +/- 7 kHz is not practical given that 3.835 is a place we dont want to stir up like a hornets nest and below 3.830 isnt any better either (as ABC Dave wrote: it's a "war zone").

The worst part about the status quo is every night on the close the NCS reads "we meet each night on a frequency of 3.825 +/- depending on conditions" -- which is in a practical sense confusing misinformation to folks new to our nets. It also misguides other would-be statrt-up nets on where to camp out if they hear we have a net ion the vicinity and go to our website to see the center frequency of where that is. (recently 100 watts & a wire folks were setting up on 3.830 at around 0200z...)

It may put me in disrepute, but I during the Closing, when i NCS 80 i have started spontaneously saying "we meet each night a t a frequency of 3.830 or 3.831 depending on condx."

so -- my question is can you move that we change the listing to 3.830 or 3.831 and drop the +/- 7kHz spread? (Bob N4JTE also said he'd like to see 40m listed as just 7.185). This will properly inform folks outside our society where we meet and will also make the NCS job easier to determine if itr will be possible to run net without causing outgoing or incoming QRM from other parties (I am pasting below the relevant NCS List email discussion on this including Aaron and Bob and Dave's emails.)

If this request should be directed elsewhere (such as to the Advisory Panel) please let me know the proper sub-group to send it to. Thanks

73 Rob N9KX  
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Gents,

As Net Coordinator for 80m, I'd like to chime in with my opinion that I too feel that we should be holding our nets on either 3.830 or 3.831 and not go with the spread. I've found myself turning up my eyebrows when I close a net and say that "we meet on a center frequency of 3.825, etc. etc" when within that range are frequencies that we call "avoid frequencies." For years now, we've been