

SMC Board of Directors Meeting

12/28/19

President-elect Anthony AB9YC called the meeting to order, which was held at **Bellas** Landscaping in Bloomington, IL.

In attendance: Tim K9WX, CJ WT2P, Zig KM9M, Ralph K9ZO, Brian K9QQ, Gary W9XT, Anthony AB9YC, Anne KC9YL, Mike **ND9G**, Mike AJ9C, Bob K2DRH

Absent: Craig K9CT, Val NV9L, Jerry WB9Z, **Eric K9GY**

The number of attendees constituted a quorum for this SMC BoD meeting.

2019 President's Overview Report

Anthony AB9YC welcomed incoming board members Mike AJ9C, Mike ND9G, Anne KC9YL, and Bob K2DRH, and thanked **Jerry WB9Z, Eric K9GY and Brian K9QQ** for their years of service.

AB9YC said that the first of a new year is a good time to assess the health of the club. We need to know what the members want and address those needs. 1/3 of our members are not on the reflector, and a significant number of members do not submit contest logs. It was recognized that some members may join SMC just to advance the purpose and activities of the club, while others may be unable or unwilling to contest due to various reasons including time constraints, equipment limitations and lack of recognition.

The BoD reviewed the minutes for 2018. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Contest Circle – SMC currently has 284 members within the circle.

There was no student scholarship expense in 2019.

We came in 2nd place in the 2019 NAQP challenge.

2019 Treasurer's Report

NV9L's report through December 27, 2019 was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

2019 Secretary's Report

SMC's roster has 367 members (355 individuals, 12 club calls), 66 individuals are currently unpaid. After Jan 30th Sig will send an email to non-renewals telling them that they will be dropped if dues are not paid. Sig will shut off their reflector around Jan 30th.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the secretary's report, which was unanimously approved.

Appointed Officers Nominations

Nominations were opened up for Membership Secretary and Treasurer. NV9L was nominated for Treasurer and Zig was nominated for Membership Secretary. There were no further discussions. Unanimous votes were cast for both positions.

2019 Discussions

Dayton Contest Dinner - At the 2019 Hamvention, SMC filled 4 tables. Jerry WB9Z agreed to coordinate tables for the 2020 Contest Dinner. Zig will handle the ticket sales.

Contest Supersuite - Last year we donated \$250.00 to the Supersuite sponsorship. It was unanimously agreed to budget \$350.00 again (rate increase). DX Engineering has the banner. Zig will arrange the payment.

SMC-fest – We are committed to the Hyatt for the conference, but the contract for the Saturday room and buffet lunch needs to be signed. Medici's is unavailable for the Friday night dinner. We will plan to host pizza in the bar and adjoining room of the Hyatt. It was unanimously agreed to budget \$500.00 for the August 21-22, 2020 SMC Fest. If the cost is much higher than anticipated, we may add a nominal fee to the SMC registration for those who wish to partake of the Friday night pizza. Cash bar, as in past years. K9ZO will contact the Hyatt regarding the Friday pizza, Saturday lunch and blocking hotel rooms. [Follow-up: The upstairs rooms are released and the downstairs room and bar area will be available for a \$150 fee. Pizza will be ordered through the Hyatt and a warming oven is available. The contract must be signed and details will be worked out later.]

WTRC Raffle – We plan to offer a \$ 1,000.00 DX Engineering gift certificate to support the 2022 WTRC event in Italy. K9QQ will coordinate with NV9L.

W9SMC club call – Members will be reminded that the club call is available for their use. Contact K9ZO. The electronic log as well as your county is needed. QSLs are available with an SASE.

Plaques – The board unanimously agreed to sponsor a VHF Classic Rover (Central Division) and VHF Single Op QRP Portable (Central Division) in the ARRL June VHF Contest. We will be dropping the Central Division Multi-Op Unlimited plaque. The net result will be an additional \$75* budgeted for plaques.

Lifetime Achievement Award – W9XT submitted his proposal for a Lifetime Achievement Award for members who reach a designated threshold of QSOs (TBD) for the following tentative list of contests:

I request that the number of QSOs and contests are TBD. Also, put in a line at the end that the

- NAQP CW, Phone, RTTY
- CQWW CW, Phone, RTTY
- ARRL DX, CW and Phone
- ARRL Sweepstakes
- ARRL 10 Meter
- ARRL 160 Meter
- ARRL RTTY Round UP
- ARRL VHF Contests, January, June, September

CQ VHF
CQ 160 CW, Phone
Illinois QSO Party
Indiana QSO Party
Wisconsin QSO Party

Members inside and outside of the club circle would be eligible for the framed certificate. It was agreed unanimously that \$100.00 be added to the 2020 budget to cover the cost of the awards, which would be presented annually at the SMC Fest. Cut-off would be 60 days before SMC Fest to allow for preparation of the certificates. QSOs made after January 1, 2020 will be counted toward this award. W9XT and K9WX **are working out the details. Rules and information are preliminary and will be finalized in January.**

Budget – A motion to accept the following budget was made by K9ZO and seconded by K9WX to accept the proposed budget. The budget for 2020 was unanimously approved.

2020 SMC Budget	2020 Budget
Contest Supersuite	\$ 350.00
Election fees	\$ 45.00
Paypal Fees	\$ 270.00
Plaques & Awards	\$ 2,575.00
Scholarships	\$ 360.00
SMC Fest	\$ 500.00
Web Hosting	\$ 75.00
Total	\$ 4,175.00

Contest Challenge – PVRC won the 2019 contest challenge. 57% of SMC members participated. We dominated in the RTTY contests, but lost the CW and SSB contests to PVRC. January contests were within a handful of logs submitted by SMC and PVRC. Just a few logs can make a big difference.

Contest Challenge 2.0 - The BoD discussed the possibility of a reboot of the contest in 2021 to encourage other small and medium-sized clubs to participate. Revised rules could factor in a percentage of total membership as a multiplier to give smaller clubs a more competitive edge. It was agreed that the NAQPs seem to be the right focus for the Contest Challenge, but that it could benefit from a reconfiguration where more clubs could be competitive. A simple majority of participating clubs would be advisable for any future rule changes to a new format, which would hope to encourage participation between and within contest clubs.

Medici Gift Certificate – The \$187.50 deposit refund for the 2019 dinner was not returned. Instead they charged \$50 for a bartender and issued a \$137.50 gift certificate. This is different from the contract. This needs to be resolved.

Final Thoughts – *After the meeting, we were notified of a \$5 increase in the ARRL awards.

Respectfully submitted
Anne Dirkman KC9YL
12/31/19