

SMC Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
17 Dec 2022 Zoom call

attending:

AB9YC W9MR N9EP W9QL W9XT NV9L WB8BZK K9WO WT9U W9XA KY0Q KC9YL K2CUB
WE9R AJ9C

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM

AB9YC thanked outgoing board members AJ9C, KC9YL and welcomed new board members WE9R, K9WO and W9XA. AB9YC also welcomed new president W9MR.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

N9EP presented the membership secretary report. There are currently 375 calls in the roster, with 367 individual calls. Nine are club calls, 26 are family memberships. Currently 137 members still owe 2023 dues. The plan to remind unpaid members is to issue two more group emails before the 31 December deadline as well as one round of individual emails to unpaid members to be sent out on 29 December. Unpaid members will be removed from the roster and mail lists as of 15 January 2023. All sponsored plaques for 2022 were paid for except the NACC Competition, N9EP to work with KB9OWD to resolve.

Motion to approve the report was offered by WT9U, seconded by K2CUB and approved unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT

Report was presented by NV9L. Cash position was -\$3302, down from previous years. It was recognized that percentage of 2023 dues paid was only about 60% so the number should improve by the end of the year when more members have paid dues.

SMCFest operated at a small net gain.

Motion to approve the report was offered by N9EP, seconded by WB8BZK and approved unanimously.

APPOINTED OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The following appointed positions were presented:

N9EP membership secretary

NV9L auditor

N9OK treasurer

Motion to approve the report was offered by W9XT, seconded by WE9R and approved unanimously.

INCENTIVE AWARD PROGRAM

W9XT provided a review of the LAA status. Currently 60 members have LAA, 253 members are participating.

There was discussion regarding funding of LAA awards in 2023.

Motion that members should pay for LAA award shipment was offered by W9MR, seconded by W9XA and approved unanimously.

K9WO WB8BZK W9XT discussed a potential new award program, the SMC CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS PROGRAM. It is based on the CWOPs medals program where participation in 50, 80 100 CWTs wins bronze silver gold medals respectively.

K9WO provided an outline of the new proposed program:

- internal competition
- provide challenge for LAA winners
- generate points for club
- HF contest 200 QSOs yield 1 point, 500 QSOs yield 2 points
- VHF contest 100 QSOs yield 1 point, 200 QSOs yield 2 points
- June 1 to June 1 time frame
- 10 points bronze 15 points silver 20 points gold
- same contests as LAA, the current LAA spreadsheet can be expanded for admin

K9WO circulated an email with a detailed PDF presentation of the program to the Board of Directors.

Further discussion of this program was tabled until after the holidays per suggestion of W9XT.'

DAYTON CONTEST DINNER

Consensus was that there was no need to budget for this event,

CONTEST SUPERSUITE SPONSORSHIP

Motion to increase budget for Supersuite sponsorship from \$350 to \$400 was offered by AJ9C, seconded by W9MR and approved unanimously.

SMCFEST

SMCfest operated at a small profit this year. Planned date for 2023 is 12 August. Negotiations for pricing are ongoing.

SCHOLARSHIPS

No changes were proposed for SMCfest, Contest University.

PLAQUES AND PLAQUE SPONSORSHIP

Some discussion regarding whether we need to cut back on plaque sponsorship to balance the budget. A review in early January was proposed to review the current sponsored plaques and determine who many are currently appropriate.

There was some discussion regarding potentially raising dues to \$15

An additional review of dues/donation was proposed, specifically to discuss how many years in advance can you pay dues and how additional donations might be applied.

WRTC 2023

It was noted that we had a significant expenditure for WRTC team support (about \$2500)

CLUB CALLS

The question of club calls on the SMC roster was discussed. The consensus was that as long as the club station trustee was an SMC member, there was no issue with having the club call on the roster.

It will be up to individual club station operators to determine circle status based on their particular location.

STORAGE OF CLUB DOCUMENTS

There was discussion regarding a storage location for club documents. Possibilities include a groups.io group for the Board of Directors or Goggle Drive. W9MR will investigate a groups.io group for the BoD.

SMC CONSTITUTION CHANGES

W9XT presented proposed constitution changes as determined by the Constitution Committee.
Summary:

Article III Section 2 paragraph 3, clarification of Secretary and Treasurer roles

Article IV Section2, eliminate written meeting notices

Article V paragraph 1, clarification of BoD meetings, remove the requirement for in-person BoD meetings

Article V paragraph 3, delete requirement for annual club meeting

Article VI Clarification that annual dues are due by 31 January

Article VII, membership assistance deleted

Membership will vote by electronic voting, each proposed change will be voted on separately. Members will have a 30 day window for review and voting.

There was BoD consensus for the proposed changes.
W9XT will generate a document for the membership.

LOGO CREATION

Discussion regarding a high resolution SMC logo.
WE9R's wife may have the software to help us, WE9R to inquire. Other possibilities included KB3IFH QSLs.

SCHEDULING OF BOARD MEETINGS

There was discussion regarding the timing of the annual Board of Directors meeting. One concern was that having the meeting in late December means that the new board members cannot vote on a new budget as their terms do not start until January 1.

It was decided to move the annual BoD meeting to January and W9MR expressed his desire to have one or two additional smaller BoD meetings throughout the year.

There was discussion about losing input of outgoing board members if meeting moves to January but the consensus was that outgoing members could always provide their input if desired.

W9MR will schedule a BoD meeting between January 15 (dues cutoff date) and 23 Jan to accommodate.

TEAM AND CLUB COMPETITION

KY0Q led discussion regarding online scoreboard use for teams and new awards to encourage use of online scoreboard

INCORPORATION

W9QL was to review status

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00

Submitted 21 December 2022 by Ed Picha N9EP