

Society of Midwest Contesters
Board of Directors meeting
20 November 2023 via Zoom conference call
revision 1.1 26 November 2023
attending:

Rick Dickens KY0Q, Mark Caldwell N9TCA, Gary Sutcliffe W9XT, Lyle Ten Pas WE9R, Kermit Carlson W9XA, Scott Meister, K2CUB Mike Ricketts W9MR, Jim Walter WT9U, Ed Picha N9EP, Mike Metroka WB8BZK

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Mr. Ricketts

Item 1: Mr. Ricketts moved to appoint Mr. Caldwell to assume the role of treasurer. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Item 2: Mr. Ricketts moved to appoint Mr. Picha to continue in the role of secretary. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Item 3: The secretary's report was presented by Mr. Picha. Main points:

- 343 members
- 81 members paid for 2024
- Chase checking account current balance \$9723.92
- PayPal current balance \$2078.32

Item 4: Discussion regarding finalization of constitution and bylaw amendments. Mr. Sutcliffe to send final version with renumbering to Mr. Ricketts, Ricketts to update website with current versions

Item 5: Program updates

- Discussion regarding Awards Committee considering changing the QSO requirements for points in the Championship Medals program medals program.
- Discussion of the proposal offered by Gary Sutcliffe and others to include additional state QSO parties for the medals and LAA programs. Proposal detail is attached to these meeting minutes. The proposal was accepted as written by voice vote. Mr. Ricketts to send note to members advising of change,

Item 6: 2024 initiatives

Discussion regarding community building among members. The following topics were discussed:

Kyle AA0Z to implement regularly scheduled on line sessions sessions to be recorded and uploaded to YouTube

Implementation of discord chat server

Lack of activity on general reflector and how to stimulate traffic

Club newsletter and logistical challenges involved

Mini group get togethers

Localized chapters to support in-person get togethers

Facebook revitalization, either add content or get rid of it. Discussion regarding who is current Facebook owner

Item 7: SMC Fest 2024 August 10 date is locked with hotel, contract is in the works. Mr. Ricketts suggested that focus could be VHF/UHF, state QSO parties, roving, possibly station automation

Item 8: Discussion regarding increasing attendance at SMC Fest

Item 9: Budget discussion deferred to early January BoD meeting

Item 10: other business-proposed modification to/addition of donation field to membership renewal form to allow for allocation of donations.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM

Respectfully submitted on 21 November by Ed Picha

Proposal to the SMC Board of Directors

Criteria for Inclusion of Additional State QSO Parties for Eligibility for SMC Awards

By Steve Dubberstein, K9WO, Tim Gennett, K9WX, Gary Sutcliffe, W9XT
November 19, 2023

Qualifying for inclusion in the contest list

For a state QSO party to be included, it must meet both of the following criteria:

1. At least part of the state must reside inside the current ARRL club circle of eligibility
2. At least 25 members, or 10% of the total club membership, whichever is less, must reside in the state.

State membership totals will be based on the address submitted by members on their application form. The date of record to determine a state QSO party's eligibility shall be June 1.

Removal from the contest list

If a state QSO party is included, and the membership later drops below the minimum for two consecutive years, that QSO Party will be dropped starting the next year.

Examples for membership on date of record:

2024: Membership 27 members - QSO party included

2025: Membership 20 members - QSO party included

2025: Membership 19 members - QSO party included

2026: Membership 20 members - QSO party not included

Or

2026: Membership 25 members - QSO party included

Plaques

The decision to fund plaques for state QSO parties shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The decision shall be based on the state of the club's treasury, the cost of such plaques, activity levels of the QSO party, and any other factors the Board of Directors feel are relevant.

