

SMC Board of Directors Meeting  
12/18/2021

President Anthony AB9YC called the meeting to order on Zoom at 8:00 a.m.

Also in attendance were: Tim K9WX, Gary W9XT, Anne KC9YL, Mike ND9G, Mike AJ9C, Val NV9L, Dave W9QL, Mike WB8BZK, Scott K2CUB, Richard KY0Q, and Jim WT9U. Zig KM9M joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Absent: Ed N9EP and CJ WT2P

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

### **2021 President's Overview Report**

Anthony welcomed incoming board members Scott K2CUB and Richard KY0Q and recognized CJ WT2P, and Tim K9WX for their years of service.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Val's YTD report was reviewed. There may be some 2021 expense from the recent election. Several members have sent donations along with their SMC Fest and member dues payments. There were only 4 refunds from SMC Fest, and there was no scholarship expense in 2021. It was noted that with members paying dues for multiple years, income totals for particular years may be skewed. Motion by Mike AJ9C, second by Mike WB8BZK, the treasurer's report was approved.

### **Secretary's Report**

Zig reported that SMC's current roster lists 365 members with 25 family members. 66 individuals are currently unpaid. A dues reminder will be sent out tomorrow, and again just before New Year's. Some plaque prices are showing minor increases. Zig is working on transferring the accounts over to Ed. The secretary's report was approved.

### **Appointed Officers**

Val is willing to retain her appointed position as Treasurer. Ed N9EP will assume Zig's duties.

### **Lifetime Achievement Report**

Gary & Tim reported that only 65% of the members are participating in the LAA by submitting scores to 3830scores.com. 13 more members have achieved the 10,000 QSO threshold since the last cut-off date, and 18 have made more than 5,000 QSOs. The cost for the LAA awards was discussed, including the extra expense of mailing them to winners not present at SMC Fest. Tim recommended that \$600.00 be budgeted for awards and shipping. The language on the website will be changed to clarify that members who are outside of the "circle" in the ARRL and CQ contests are eligible to count their totals toward the LAA. It was suggested that the ENTIRE membership be contacted by email, to make sure all are aware of the 3830scores.com posting requirement for the LAA. Using 3830.scores to tally LAA points gives the club exposure, potentially attracting new members.

The contest "periodic table" will again be posted on the website.

**Discussions** - Gary will lead a committee to research instituting a new competition to keep interest levels up for members who have already achieved the LAA. Weighting contests differently may be considered for those who only compete in the UHF/VHF contests.

The Board agreed that Anthony's *President's Pileup* is worth continuing.

With 33% of the membership not subscribing to the reflector, the Board agreed that a 2<sup>nd</sup> reflector should be set up to exclusively post contest scores. Mike ND9G made the motion, with a second by Gary. Motion passed. Scott KA9FOX will be contacted by Mike ND9G to set that up.

Incorporation was brought up as an option to protect the Board members. Paula K9IR will be contacted for input.

A motion was made by Gary, seconded by WB8BZK, and unanimously approved that SMC recognize the past efforts and accomplishments of Zig in his role as Membership Secretary.

It was proposed that future Board meetings be held in January, rather than December, to allow the newly elected Board members to vote for proposals that will be effect during their tenure.

**Bylaws** - It was noted that duties of the Treasurer and Membership Secretary do not align with the Bylaws. There will be further discussion once Ed is on board to clarify duties of each office and see if there needs to be a change in the Bylaws or reassignment of duties. Changes will also be recommended to allow virtual meetings of the Board. Gary will lead the committee and Mike WB8BZK will assist. Board members were instructed to read through the Constitution/Bylaws and forward recommendations to the committee, who will formalize proposed changes for review and approval by the membership.

**Website** – Several discussions revolved around improving the website, as opposed to resurrecting the newsletter. It was noted that the SMC Chat is rarely used. Mike ND9G indicated that the format uses WordPress and he would be willing to post articles, but not do the soliciting or editing. Suggestions included adding current content by encouraging members to submit articles to a website editor. New members could also be acknowledged on the website, (or perhaps by a monthly email).

**Trustee** – Motion by Mike AJ9C, second by Mike ND9G to appoint Mike WB8BZK as trustee of the W9SMC callsign/license. Approved.

**SMC Fest** – SMC Fest will again be held at the Marriott in Naperville, scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2022. Details of the contract are being finalized with a projected charge of \$50.00 - with the same setup as 2021. Mike ND9G recommended scheduling an *open* session during the day for members to be able to socialize. Richard suggested a session focusing on our club, perhaps using a portion of the ARRL slot. The ARRL content should be contest-related.

**Budget** – Donations will be itemized for the 2022 budget. Expenses (and raffle prize ticket sale offset) have been earmarked for the SMC Raffle and WRTC 2023. Suggested by Mike WB8BZK, the board agreed to purchase the ARRL liability insurance to limit exposure to Board members. The budget for 2022 was unanimously approved.

<b>2022 Proposed Budget</b>		
\$ 4,000.00	Dues & Donations revenue	
\$ 1,500.00	Raffle seed recoup	
\$ -	SMCfest	
\$ (350.00)	Supersuite Sponsorship	
\$(2,500.00)	Plaques & Awards	
\$ (300.00)	Paypal Fees	
\$ (35.00)	Election fees	
\$ (600.00)	SMC internal Awards (LAA)	
\$ (80.00)	SMCfest Contest U Scholarship	
\$ (75.00)	Web Hosting	
\$ (100.00)	Other (WA7BNM Donation)	
\$(2,500.00)	WRTC tent sponsorship	
\$(1,500.00)	WRTC raffle seed	
\$ (200.00)	SMC liability insurance	
\$ (75.00)	SMC Special Achievement award	
\$(2,815.00)		

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
 Anne Dirkman KC9YL  
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