

Society of Midwest Contesters
Board of Directors meeting 17 January 2023

Zoom teleconference 6:30 to 8:10 PM

Attending:

W9MR W9XA WB8BZK W9XT W9QL WT9U KY0Q N9OK K2CUB WE9R K9WO N9EP

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION PROCESS

Per our bylaws new members are to be approved by the Board of Directors

W9MR proposed a process where a new member application is forwarded to the board by the president or secretary for approval. Board members have three days to raise any issues with a potential new member. If no issues are raised, at the end of three days the new member is automatically approved.

SMC ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

W9MR has been working on emails for treasurer and secretary that will ease transition. Email addresses have been established and tested but there's some work to be done on proper routing of traffic to respective emails.

treasurer@w9smc.com secretary@w9smc.com

SMC INCORPORATION

W9QL reported on his investigation into 501c3 incorporation
main points:

*Club must

- choose directors
- choose name
- appoint registered agent
- file IL nonprofit Articles of Incorporation
- nonprofit bylaws
- hold Board of Directors meetings

*There is a \$50 filing fee, paper forms to be filed with IL Secretary of State
Legal Zoom charges \$99 to file

*Federal and state tax exemptions are possible

There was discussion regarding the club's ARRL liability insurance. Last year's policy was purchased by AB9YC. It was agreed that a new policy should be purchased.

W9QL agreed to evaluate c7 advantages and disadvantages and discuss at next Board meeting

BYLAWS UPDATE

W9XT emailed proposed bylaw change document to board

W9MR to check with WT2P regarding electronic voting tools

W9XT will send proposed changes document to membership

MEDALS PROGRAM (FINALIZE GO/NOGO)

K9WO reviewed his document describing the medals program.

Some discussion points:

- the club will fund the program in the first year, then review and adjust so that it is revenue neutral. (member-funded, if member wants medal he/she can pay for it)
- everyone who qualifies will receive a PDF certificate, members can request medals.
- discussion about relative difficulty of achieving 100 QSOs in VHF contests, general agreement to wait and see, adjust as necessary

K2CUB offered a motion to move forward with the medals program as proposed, WT9U seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. adjust as required in future years

W9MR and K9WO will work out website placement of a document describing the program and K9WO will send an email introducing the program to the members and offering a Zoom session for those with questions.

SMC FEST

W9MR will generate membership survey asking specifically about SMC Fest, what members would like to see, why they decide not to attend etc.

W9MR will need help organizing the SMC Fest, specifically with programs, prizes

The contract was signed 16 January, per-person cost was up \$6 to \$56 due to food increase. Individual room rate will be \$117/night.

SMC Fest date is 12 August

NAQP

Discussion regarding PVRC's new proposed NAQP ONLINE CLUB CHALLENGE club competition based on participation in contest online scoreboard. Details can be found at

<http://pvrc.org/NOCC.html>

The consensus of the board was that this was something SMC could participate in. KY0Q will generate email to members

CONTEST DINNER TABLES

W9QL agreed to coordinate purchase of tables at the Dayton Contest Dinner.

Tables are \$440 each, we will charge members \$46 each.

Two tables will be purchased initially, a third can be added as required.

N9EP is to purchase tables

W9QL will send email to members soliciting ticket purchase

CLUB FINANCES

There was discussion regarding fundraising and increase of dues.

It was recognized that SMC dues have remained at \$10 for many years and that it is time to raise them. It was also recognized that our current level of plaque sponsorship probably could not be sustained without a dues increase.

There was discussion regarding the club absorbing the \$6 SMC Fest increase. The general consensus of the board was to not absorb the increase.

W9XA made the point that a large increase in dues after many years of a fixed price could cause distress with members.

There was general discussion about a dues increase to \$15

It was agreed to table the decision on dues increase.

OTHER OPERATIONAL GOALS?

There was agreement that W9MR's three main goals as detailed in his 2 January email:

1. Increase club participation in contests
2. Recruit new contesters
3. Increase participation in SMC Fest

are sufficient.

FINALIZE 2023 BUDGET

There was discussion regarding appropriate levels for budget line items. The following budget was agreed upon:

2023 Budget	
Dues	\$3,200.00
SMC Fest	\$0.00
Supersuite Sponsorship	(\$400.00)
Plaques	(\$2,500.00)
Paypal	(\$300.00)
Liability	(\$200.00)
SMC LAA	(\$350.00)
Election service	(\$60.00)
WA7BNM	(\$100.00)
Web Hosting	(\$75.00)
Total	(\$3,985.00)

It was noted that based on projected dues income of \$3200 we would be operating at a small loss of \$785 and that increasing dues to \$15 would address the shortfall.

W9XA offered a motion to approve the finalized budget, WE9R seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Set target for late spring/early summer board meeting.

May 9 was set as tentative date for the next Board of Directors meeting

submitted 19 January N9EP