

## **SMC Annual Board of Directors Meeting 2 January 2016**

The 2016 annual meeting of the Board of Directors (BoD) met at 10 AM on 2 January 2016 in Bloomington IL.

The following BoD members present in person were Craig Thompson K9CT, Pat Hoppe WW9R, Brian Maves K9QQ, Ralph Bellas K9ZO, and Bill Axelrod K3WA.

Present via Skype were Ryan Klavekoske, Tom Harke AA9A, and Mike Kasrich AJ9C.

This number constituted a quorum for this BoD meeting.

Craig opened the meeting with an overview of SMC performance over the last 12 months.

- We have more money available than we have ever had before
- We had a significant increase in membership in this past year and achieves 20% growth
- We won the NAQP competition with NCCC and PVRC by a significant amount
- Conducted a very successful SMC fest in August and a half-day Contest University coincident with the W9DCXX gathering in September

Next, the BoD reviewed the minutes from the 2015 BoD meeting which were approved for the record.

The BoD discussed the following agenda items:

### **Financial:**

We read and accepted the treasurer's report as presented.

Plaques	\$1000
W9DXCC	\$200
Web hosting	\$60
SMC Fest	\$800
SMC NAQP/SS awards	\$750
Total	\$2810

The BoD voted and unanimously passed an increase the budget about for plaques to \$1,100 and the budget for SMC Fest to \$1000 upping the total to \$2310 for 2016.

We also agreed to start a fund (no monies allocated) for future support for the next WRTC. Brian Maves volunteered for and was approved as the SMC point of contact for the WRTC ambassador to the US for the event.

### **Web Site:**

Craig K9CT and Chad Kurszewski WE9V have been doing an outstanding job in updating the website and keeping the published records up to date. They will continue in this function. Ralph K9ZO volunteered to mount an effort to get more of our members, and especially our new members, to provide pictures of themselves and a graphic of their QSL card for the site.

### **SMC Fest:**

The board unanimously agreed that the 2015 SMC Fest was a big success. The BoD voted to hold the next SMC Fest in Bloomington, IL on 27 August 2016. Ralph K9ZO will make the arrangements at the same hotel we used last year after reviewing the contest calendar for the best date.

Brian K9QQ will organize the door prizes working closely with Val NV9L. She was travelling and unable to attend today's meeting. Val did an outstanding job putting together welcome packages and we will ask her to do the same this year.

We will also reach out to Carl K9CS to ask him to do card checking at the 2016 SMC Fest.

### **Dayton:**

The board unanimously voted to help fund pizzas in the Contest Super Suite as we did last year. We will also try to get the room next door again for a SMC get-together as we did in 2015.

### **W9DXCC:**

The board also voted to participate once again in W9DXCC. In 2015 we presented a half-day Contest University (CTU) session which was very well attended. This year we will do a full day CTU on the Friday before W9DXCC. We plan to do similar presentations in the morning and add additional content in the afternoon with subjects like propagation planning for contesters, optimizing antennas for contesters, and some how-to information for inexperienced and more experienced contesters. As an aside, Bill K3WA is the Co-Chairman for W9DXCC in 2016.

### **SMC Mentoring Program:**

Our proposed mentoring program got off to a slow start in 2015. We have not gotten a sufficient number of volunteers to make it work – yet. In 2016 we will reach out to specific individuals to grow the ranks and skills of SMC Elmers. In addition to general contesting and

station building Elmers, we will be talking with members with known expertise in areas such as RTTY, VHF/UHF, and the like.

Following the BoD meeting, a motion was made and approved to adjourn.