

OEN Minutes August 19th, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board, W7WX, at 10:03 am in Yachats Oregon at N7HEH's house.

Board Members present were: W7WX Larry Ballard, K7MKN Jim Boyd, WA7FIV Hal Denison, and K7RFO Ruth Schorr.

ND7V, the Editor of the Netter and the OEN Treasurer, K6UGS, the Web Page Editor, and KG7UY, the Net Manager/Secretary were present.

Also in attendance were AA5TL, KA5ZLQ, KD7HB, AB7ET, K7TYP, W7TYQ, WB7CNV, WA7DUH, WA7JS, KE7PNW, KE7QFR, N7MAP, KCOLTI, KE7RKG, K7REA, K7DDI, K7LJ, KK7VO, K7XI, KE7CYK

The minutes were read and a motion was made by K7MKN to accept the minutes and was seconded by K7RFO. Motion carried.

The Treasurers Report was given by ND7V. He reports that there is \$ 710.95 in the bank as of this morning. ND7V also reminded the board that we need a third signer on the bank account. The Treasurers report was accepted by the board.

Old Business: KG7UY brought up the recurring problem of a lack of 2nd Net controls. He spoke about why he had come to the conclusion that the OEN needed to do away with 2nd Net, until recently. He asked the board to give him leeway to "tinker" with 2nd Net to try to make it an actual training ground for 1st net. . W7WX then spoke about 2nd Net as a training ground as the best reason to keep it. K7MKN agreed that the Net Manager's job includes attempting to improve 2nd Net and keep it viable, but stated that this tinkering is subject to review by the board. No motion was made as it was deemed un-necessary at this time.

New Business: WA7FIV made a motion to add K7RFO to the OEN Bank account to replace N7RBO, as we need 3 people on the account, seconded by K6UGS. Motion carried.

KG7UY proposed some changes in the bylaws: He had handouts that explained the proposed changes and why he thought they needed to be changed. The board read along as KG7UY read from the handouts: See footnote 1 and 2 for complete details.

KG7UY talked for about fifteen minutes as everybody followed along with the print version. After a general discussion by the board and the members attending, WA7FIV made a motion to vote on the proposal to change the bylaws "as proposed", seconded by K7MKN. Motion carried unanimously by the board and also voice vote from attending members.

W7WX asked if the Porta Potty for the picnic was fully funded yet. The answer will be known after the picnic as the donation jar has not been passed around yet.

K7MKN took the floor and thanked KG7UY for doing a good job as the Net Manager since he was appointed in March. KG7UY thanked K7MKN and the group for the vote of confidence.

WA7FIV took the floor and proposed possibly securing the call "N7RBO" for the OEN club call as we do not have one. The consensus was to have WA7JS confer with W7AE over what needed to be done. Of course this assumes that the call will be available and no one knows at this point. WA7FIV stated that more than anything he wanted to "protect" Karen's call from being used by anyone other than her family. WA7JS agreed to look into it and the proposal was tabled pending further info.

There was a general discussion about how anyone in the OEN should be able to recruit Net Controls. The Net Manager, KG7UY, asserted that Net Controls for the OEN can be from out of state as long as they have the coverage to call the net. WA7DUH from Washington and W7TYQ from Kerby (residing temporarily in Yreka California) both agreed to take a second Net Control position. K7RFO had a question for WA7DUH about how well he could hear all the Oregon stations, Steve replied very well, as he is in Richland WA, just north of Umatilla. W7TYQ said the same as he is just south of the Oregon border on I-5.

W7WX asked KG7UY to talk about the small changes being made in the Roster. KG7UY said he wants ALL Net Controls to use the same format and Roster each night, with the breaks for late or missed at the same place. If the NCs (Net Controls) are consistent with how they run the net, the people wishing to check in can rely on when the breaks will occur. He also wants the relay stations to call late or missed first, then the NC, so as to engage the relay stations more. During the ensuing discussion WA7JS raised the question of how to politely discourage non-mobile stations from checking in early while mobiles are being called. No idea was voiced except to "lead by example" and not do it ourselves.

W7WX explained to the group about how to adjust the Net timing if you are too far ahead on the clock by adding extra breaks for late or missed so that the out of state portion gets started by around 6:45 on 1st net, again, for consistency. WA7FIV stated that there should be no "dead air time" if check-ins are light. Everyone agreed.

KG7UY explained that the new Preamble section for 2nd Net to pick up late or missed from the 1st Net should help when the band is bad or the 1st Net runs long. This is a slight change in mission for the 2nd Net and may improve the check in count in the long run, as well as give new NCs the training they need. A general discussion ensued about how to handle various aspects of NC duty.

W7WX then asked if there were any comments by anybody before adjourning the meeting. WA7FIV took the floor and praised W7WX and KG7UY for bringing new, net friendly, ideas to the OEN. W7WX humbly accepted the accolades from Hal and the group.

W7WX entertained a motion to adjourn that was made by K7MKN, seconded by WA7FIV. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am PST

Submitted by KG7UY, Dennis Deaton, Net Manager/Secretary

Thanks to Cindy, KE7CYK, for taking notes at the meeting.

Footnote 1:

Proposed Bylaw changes *outline* 08/19/2012

Article 1. Correct spelling mistake in title of article

Sec 1. Slight rework to include residence requirement

Sec 2. State that the member must be in good standing (not a revoked or voided certificate) eliminating entirely the "so many check ins over so much time" requirement.

We need to revisit Article 6 as follows:

Sec 1. add OR residence requirement

Sec 2. State that the member must be in good standing with the net eliminating entirely the "so many check ins over so much time" requirement.

Sec 3. Slight rewording for clarity

Article 7:

Rewrite sec 1 and 2 reflecting availability of eligible member list from the Net Manager

Article 12 : amend to include email distribution of Ballots

Article 21: Amend to make Net Manager/Secretary a single position

Article 22: Amend adding /Secretary to position title

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Article 24: Rewrite article dropping Net Manager from the process, Amend: dropping "Secretary" from article

Article 25: Amend: dropping "Secretary" from article

Sec.1- Changed required years of membership in the OEN to 2 years

sec.2- State that the member must be in good standing (not a revoked or voided certificate) eliminating entirely the "so many check ins over so much time" requirement.

Article 26: Rewrite article dropping Net Manager from the process. Amend dropping "Secretary" from article

Article 29. We cannot be governed on a day to day basis by a “historical document”. We need to clean this up to include using the OEN Booklet as a guide, not as the absolute authority. We can’t have it both ways!!

Footnote 2.

These are the revisions *as proposed* by KG7UY, and *passed* by the OEN board on 08/19/2012

ARTICLE 1. REQUIREMENTS TO BE AN OEN VOTING MEMBER

Sec. 1- The member must hold an OEN certificate and reside in the state of Oregon.

Sec. 2- The member must be in good standing with the net. No void or revoked certificates.

ARTICLE 6. QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO BECOME A BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATE....

Sec. 1- The candidate must be a certificate holding member of the OEN for at least 2 years prior to nomination and reside in the state of Oregon.

Sec. 2- The candidate must be a member in good standing with the net.

Sec. 3- The candidate must be a resident of the area (according to the current OEN area map) that is up for election.

ARTICLE 7. NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS...

Sec. 1- The Net Manager will maintain a list of “Eligible Net Members in good standing”

Sec. 2- This list will be made available on request and will also be posted to the OEN web page at least 30 days before the election nominations.

Sec. 3- Nominations for Board of Director will be made by the voting members at large at a business meeting on the air at a time set by the net manager. No endorsements are needed for nomination.

ARTICLE 12. GENERAL ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS...

Not more than twenty-one days after the close of the nominating business meeting the net secretary shall declare a general election to be conducted by mailed ballots and e-mail ballots by the OEN membership. Ballots will be printed in the “NETTER” prior to election, and also available on the Home Page, or on request, from the Net Secretary by email or regular mail if a stamped self-addressed envelope is supplied.

ARTICLE 21. THE OFFICE OF NET MANAGER/SECRETARY

The seven elected members of the Board of Directors shall have authority to appoint a Net Manager/Secretary from the elected group or at large.

ARTICLE 22. AUTHORITY OF NET MANAGER/SECRETARY

Sec. 1- The Net Manager/Secretary shall have equal voting privileges with the elected members of the Board of Directors on executive matters acted on by the board.

Sec.2-The Net Manager/Secretary shall have authority to make decisions of a minor and temporary nature concerning the operations of the net.

ARTICLE 23. NET MANAGER/SECRETARY--REMOVAL FROM OFFICE...

In as much as the office of Net Manager/Secretary is an appointed position executed by the Board of Directors, the holder of the office may be replaced by a vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 24. THE OFFICE OF TREASURER

The office of Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 25. QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO HOLD OFFICE OF TREASURER...

Sec. 1- The member must hold an OEN certificate two years prior to the time of appointment.

Sec. 2- The member must be in good standing with the net.

ARTICLE 26. TREASURER REMOVAL FROM OFFICE...

In as much as the office of Treasurer is an appointed position executed by the Board of Directors, the holder of the office may be replaced by a vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 29. AUTHORITY OF THE OEN BOOKLET...

Sec. 1 As the OEN Booklet was declared a historical document by the OEN Board of Directors August 23, 2009. The OEN Booklet does not govern or set the policies for the net, as such. As a historical document it will be consulted as a valuable tool to guide the OEN when making decisions that impact the net.