

# OEN Minutes August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board, W7WX, at 10:00 am PDT in Yachats Oregon at N7HEH's house.

Board Members present were: W7WX Larry Ballard, WA7JS Jim Stinson, W7BXD Kern Lilly, K7RFO Ruth Schorr and AG7K Dennis Deaton Net Manager/Secretary.

Also present were: ND7V Fred, OEN Treasurer and Editor of the Netter.

K6UGS Vern, the Web Page Editor.

Also in attendance was K7DDI, WA7PHI, WB7CNV, WA7DUH, K7LJ, N7HEH, KA7FHA, KD7HB, KD7RTE, KCOLTI and a few others who came in after the meeting started and were not entered into the log.

The minutes from 2013 were read and a motion was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote of the attending Board to accept the minutes as read.

The Treasurers Report was given by ND7V. He reports that there is \$ 1,201.46 in the bank as of this morning.

Fred also reports that only 2 members are taking the Netter by mail.

It was moved, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote of the attending Board to accept the Treasurers report.

Web Master Report K6UGS:

There will be a new webpage called W7OEN and KA7FHA will be hosting this new page. Many changes to make the page more accessible and informative are in the works and any suggestions for improvement are encouraged. Vern will be collaborating with Mark KA7FHA on this. Mark will be given access to the page since he is hosting it and will also function as the backup page manager when needed.

Vern also asks for any pictures of the people that check into the Net as he is adding to the picture gallery as the pictures come in.

Old Business: AG7K reports that the changes to second net we implemented last year have improved second net and it is running fine. Polling the 2<sup>nd</sup> Net Controls indicates the 2<sup>nd</sup> Net check-in rate is up about 25% over last year.

New Business:

1. W7WX brought up the point that we are basically a social net. Having said that, the question is "Should we set up some guidelines or an activation plan in the event of an emergency"? Discussion ensued and the consensus was the OEN should activate as a "back channel" to facilitate traffic handling and general welfare information.

During the discussion it was determined that a lot of the core membership activates on 3980 already so we just need to do some more planning to make us more effective . It was moved, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote of the attending Board to table this till the next meeting.

2. Early check-ins. After a lengthy "warm" discussion on the merits for and against early check-ins, a motion was entertained and passed unanimously by the attending Board that the early check-in activity will start no earlier than 5:55pm Pacific Time under normal band conditions. It will be left up to the individual NCS to determine if band conditions are so bad that an extended early check in session is warranted. It is also up each individual NCS as to whether they will allow ANY early check-ins.
3. Future revenues? We need to be thinking about this. After much discussion we decided to discuss it again next year under old business.

W7WX entertained a motion to adjourn that was seconded and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11am PDT

Submitted by AG7K, Dennis Deaton, Net Manager/Secretary