

**2017 YLISSB CONVENTION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Edinburg, Indiana
June 17, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Bobbie K4ZGH at 1:35 PM. Board members present were: President Bobbie K4ZGH; Treasurer Bill Phillips W7AJP; Secretary Rose KL7FQQ; Directors Gloria K4DXM and Larry AB3TY; and on Skype, Vice-President Nancy KG0YL.

MINUTES: The minutes were read by Secretary Rose KL7FQQ. Gloria K4DXM **MOVED** to accept the minutes as read. Bill W7AJP **SECONDED, CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS: Convention 2018 was discussed. Larry AB3TY has been working with a hotel near Lancaster, PA. The board was polled, and Larry was given the go ahead to continue with his arrangements.

Swap and Sell: President Bobbie read the letter she had written to John, KC2UZT in 2016, regarding the Board granting him permission to operate a Swap and Sell after the Saturday moonbeam, with the program to be reviewed after it had been in existence for one year. She read his reply, which was, essentially, that he was unable to go forward with the project. The Swap and Sell never got off the ground.

Eyeball Award: Randy K4KRK reported that the Eyeball Award had been approved, and went into effect on January 1, 2017.

Facebook page: President Bobbie reported that the Facebook page was in operation. It has not been up and running for very long, but is doing very well. However, it was supposed to be reviewed within one year. Bill W7AJP **MOVED** that we extend the time for review until the 2018 Convention. Gloria K4DXM **SECONDED, CARRIED.** Larry AB3TY tried to third it but he was ignored.

Outreach committee: Bruce K9ICP stated that he had inadvertently overlooked his role as Chair of the Outreach Committee. He would do better this year, and report to the next Convention.

Awards: Randy K4KRK, Awards Chairman, proposed that we suspend the Special Day Awards for the upcoming year. After discussion, Rose KL7FQQ **MOVED** that we suspend the Special Day awards beginning December 31, 2017,

and visit the issue of the Special Day awards at the 2018 Convention. Gloria K4DXM **SECONDED, CARRIED.**

Randy then discussed his concept of a new award. This would be a 50-year Plaque that would be given to members that had been System members for 50 years or more. He stated that he knew of two that were still active, W5PDW and KL7FQQ. There was discussion about how the award would be issued. Would the recipient have to notify the System? Would System members notify Randy as to someone they thought would qualify? Nancy KG0YL **MOVED** that we issue the 50-year Plaque for members that had been System member for 50-years, that the member must notify the System they were qualified to receive it, and that with the award, the member would receive a Lifetime Membership, and not be required to pay dues in the future. Gloria K4DXM **SECONDED, CARRIED.**

Randy then discussed the USA Award. With the propagation as bad as it has been, it is nearly impossible to contact members in Alaska and Hawaii. He suggested that we issue a Continental Award, which would include the 48 contiguous states, and the Canadian Provinces. During discussion, it was suggested that the Award should be for just the Continental US, with stickers available for adding Alaska, Hawaii and the Canadian provinces. Nancy KG0YL **MOVED** that Randy be authorized to finalize the details of the award, and that he be further authorized to implement it starting January 1, 2018, with the issue to be revisited in one year. Gloria K4DXM **SECONDED, CARRIED.**

Randy then suggested that the 25-year Certificate be issued as a plaque instead of a certificate. After discussion, it was agreed to leave it as a certificate.

Randy then reminded the Board that they were to elect three new members to serve on the Belt of Orion as contacts. He stated that coming off as contacts this year would be KC8UPU, KC8VRT and N1PVT. After discussion, Rose KL7FQQ **MOVED** to table the suggestion, and take care of it later. Gloria K4DXM **SECONDED, CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS: President Bobbie stated that the Renewal of the Web Page had been taken care of in the Budget, and that the renewal of our Articles of Incorporation had been taken care of.

Convention 2019: Rose KL7FQQ discussed the possibility of hosting the Convention in Fairbanks, Alaska. Larry AB3TY **MOVED** that the YLISSB

authorize Rose to check into the feasibility of hosting the Convention in Fairbanks. Gloria K4DXM **SECONDED, CARRIED.**

40 Meter System in West: Larry AB3TY stated that KR0ARK (Roark) suggested that we start a 40 M system later in the day for those stations in the West. After discussion, the Board agreed that it would be a great idea. Steve, K4PHZ is 40 Meter coordinator, and should be involved in the mechanics. Perhaps he could make Roark an Assistant Coordinator for the West. No action taken.

Hats: Larry AB3TY had some delightful hats made for the Convention, in two different colors. He was selling them for \$22 apiece. And, most of the attendees at the Convention were wearing them. He suggested that the profits be earmarked for a special fund to defray some of the costs of future Conventions. Rose KL7FQQ **MOVED** that we establish such a fund, with the details to be worked out between Larry and Treasurer Bill. Larry AB3TY **SECONDED, CARRIED.**

Conventions: It was suggested that we cut down the length of the Conventions by one day. After discussion, Nancy **MOVED** that Larry and Bruce send out a questionnaire regarding the issue. The motion died for lack of a second.

Donation: Bill W7 AJP **MOVED** that the YLISSB donate \$100 to the Net logger producer. Bobbie K4ZGH **SECONDED, CARRIED.**

Net logger database: It was suggested that Bob NC4RP should have an assistant that could access the net logger database. Bob said he would check around, and see if he could find someone qualified.

Gloria K4DXM **MOVED** to adjourn. Rose KL7FQQ **SECONDED, CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM