

The 3905 Century Club, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
05/08/2004

On May 8, 2004 at 00:30 Zulu, Chairman K9TWV called the meeting to order. The following Directors were in attendance.

Roll Call				
Area	Name		Area	Name
1 st	KQ1H – Dave (Asst Dir)		8 th	N2OCW – Larry
2 nd	N2XTT – Peter		9 th	K9TWV – John
3 rd	N3EQK – Ron		10 th	K0WJ – Jay
4 th	KE4DYG – Robert		DX	VE3OII – Phil (Asst Dir)
5 th	N5UJB – Jim		PR	WM4SG – Bill
6 th	Absent		VP	KE3NR – Robin
7 th	Absent			

A motion by WM4SG to approve the Secretary's Minutes and Treasurer's Report was seconded by K4DYG. Motion carried unopposed.

New business:

Board approval of the new Master's Degree Application. WM4SG reported that based on the input from the email group along with the comments, and suggestions that everybody had that we should refer this back to the Awards Committee for further review. He also remarked about the section that requires that the Master's Degree applicant must demonstrate Participation, Dedication, Service, and Courtesy. This is already a requirement for the Award, but whether it is quantifiable or measurable is another issue, and will ask the Awards Committee to think about this issue. Board had no objections to sending this back to the Awards Committee.

WM4SG made a motion to approve the new Dictionary Award effective date June 2004 if approved. K4DYG seconded the motion. N2XTT made a motion to change the points required from 100 points to 200 points. N2OCW seconded the motion. WQ1H abstained, N2XTT, N3EQK, K4DYG, N2OCW, K9TWV, K0WJ, VE3OII, KE3NR voted affirmative. N5UJB and WM4SG voted negative. The vote to approve the new Dictionary Award went as follows. WQ1H abstained, N2XTT, N3EQK, K4DYG, N2OCW, K9TWV, K0WJ, VE3OII, KE3NR, WM4SG voted affirmative. N5UJB voted negative.

WM4SG presented the Awards Committee's work on defining DX stations. The Awards Committee very strongly and unanimously holds the opinion that any definition of DX adopted by the Board should be added to the Bylaws rather than leaving the awards themselves as the defining authority. Great care needs to be taken in choosing the final wording that is incorporated into the Bylaws because the Awards Committee is required to follow those Bylaws as written. Any changes from the current definition contained in the DX Award hold great potential for having serious side effects and so must be very carefully considered. Awards Committee's recommendation.

"DX is any entity listed in the 'ARRL DXCC Entities List' except the 50 states of the United States and the District of Columbia. Stations on boats and planes operating legally within the 12-mile territorial limits of a DX entity as previously defined are considered to be DX operating from that entity."

WM4SG then made a motion to approve the Awards Committee's recommendation, seconded by KE4DYG. This keeps everything just as it is, but puts to bed any more discussion on Alaska and Hawaii becoming DX into the Bylaws. Motion carried unanimously.

KE4DYG made the motion to adjourn. KE3NR seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

N3EQK Board Secretary

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Addendum to May's BOD Meeting.

After the BOD met on May 9, WM4SG Bill had some "Comments and Observations. Here are a couple of his views and the Board's response.

We are very fortunate this year to have one of the best Award Committee's we have had in some time and I am very pleased with their willingness to dig in and get the job done. I have seen more accomplished by this group in three months than I did out of the last two years.

There is, however, an issue that I am not particularly pleased with and that is how we dealt with the Dictionary Award tonight. The Committee recommended an award that was generally supported and endorsed during the last two weeks of discussion on the email Board [CCNDir] reflector.

Then, out of the blue, with no previous discussion or commentary, an amendment was offered that generated little discussion and everyone just jumped on the band wagon and agreed with the amendment to change it to 200 points with little thought.

This after the Awards Committee had worked on it for several weeks and we have had the opportunity to discuss it for two weeks. I think we did the membership and the Awards Committee a disservice in this change with little thought as to what we were doing.

I am going to inform the Awards Committee of the decision, as I am required to do. If they disagree with it, it will back on the agenda for next month.

In the meantime I think it is important that we consider things more carefully and discuss them when the opportunity presents itself - when the item is circulated to the group - rather than making a knee-jerk reaction to a last minute thought that can barely be heard through the noise.

Bill and the group: Since you pointed out how we took so lightly the recommendations of our Awards Committee may I propose the Board rethink how we voted, and I would make a motion to revote on the Dictionary Award via e-mail.

N3EQK Ron

K9TWV John took a poll from each of the Board Of Directors. The Board reversed its stance on the Dictionary Award, and unanimously approved the award as presented by the Awards Committee.

N3EQK Ron
Board Secretary