

**10-10 International Net, Inc.
2009 Board of Directors Meeting
Orlando, Florida
July 23, 2009**

President Gerry Gross, WA6POZ, #21274 called the 2009 10-10 International Net Inc. Board meeting to order at 8:40 AM on July 23, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Select-Orlando International Airport in Orlando, Florida. The roll was called by President Gross. Present were President Gerry Gross, WA6POZ, #21274, Vice-President Larry Berger, WA2SUH, #407, Director Brad Kimble, K0DBK, #55192, Director Cliff Taylor, K5FBS, #48461, Director Jack Moore, K5CC, #50708, Director Rob Ireland, VE9KM, #69811, Director Leslie Johnson, WA4EEZ, #15675, Director Robert Farrow, N6OPR, #45716, Director Mel Sojka, KD5DE, #33513 and Director Ken Harmon, #31363. Secretary Sandy Glenn, W7SSG, #74633, Past-President Chuck Imsande, W6YLJ, #19636 and General Counsel Dave Splitt, KE3VV, #69831 all were unable to attend due to personal reasons.

A sufficient number of Officers and Directors were present and a quorum was established.

Invited guests were Treasurer Keith Schlottman, KR7RK, #63324 and 10-10 News Editor Paul Riedel, KI0SR, # 8861.

Vice-President Berger led the Pledge of Allegiance. An opportunity was provided for recognition of any other 10-10 member country. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Silent Keys that were lost during the past year.

The following members sat in for parts of the meeting:

Bob Bischoff, K4QHH, #26040, Gary Miller, KA6GPC, #43555, Paul Hemby, WN4AMO, #73825, Jim Andrews, W8JWA, #17556, Al Kaiser, N1API, #25468, Dan Morris, KZ3T, #41015 and Wolf Dethleps, DK7LA #66048.

There were no additions, corrections or deletions to the Agenda.

Hearing no objections, the minutes of the 2008 Board of Directors meeting held May 31, 2008, as published in the 10-10 International News stand approved.

REPORTS

President Gross reported that he represented 10-10 at the following: in May, Hamvention in Dayton OH, in June, HamCom in Plano, TX, in August, the ARRL Northeast Division Convention in Boxboro, MA and in February 2009 Orlando, Florida HamCation. He has been writing a quarterly article for the 10-10 News and a bi-monthly article for World Radio. In October, he made the appointment of Jack Moore, K5CC, #50708 as Director to replace the position left vacant by the death of Director Steve Rasmussen, N0WY, #68684. The appointment was subsequently approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Vice-President Berger gave his report. He reviewed the monthly reports of the Data Manager and found them to be in order. He provided editing advice to President Gerry Gross for his World Radio articles and 10-10 News columns. President Gross consulted with him on several issues relating to 10-10 and the Scholarship Foundation. He provided comments by e-mail on several issues circulated to the Board. He continued in the role of Scholarship Manager for the 10-10 Scholarship Foundation and communicated with the Foundation for Amateur Radio, the administrator of the 10-10 Scholarships. His Scholarship Manager's report can be found in the minutes of the Scholarship Foundation meeting.

Secretary Glenn provided her report which was presented in her absence by President Gross. With the help of President Gross she completed the results of the Election of Officers. She represented 10-10 at the SEA-PAC Convention along with W7STN, W7VMG, K7PRZ and K7KTP where over 100 people stopped by the booth and there was a sign-in sheet for visitors. Some renewals were processed. She regretted that she was unable to attend the 2009 Board meeting due to personal reasons.

Director Farrow reported that as Director of the daily 10-10 nets all daily net have been called as posted. In October, 10-10 lost Robert (Bob) O Connor, W2BOC, # 71096 who was calling the 10-10 net on Saturday on 28.380. That position was filled by John Barnett, NS2M, #72143. There are 12 net control stations and four alternate stations, two in the East and two in the West. The only daily nets not called were during the time that W2BOC became a Silent Key. With no propagation there was not much activity this past year. He has been able to help fill out several 10-10 applications with local contacts. One of his goals is to have a net called each one from the East and the other from the West daily. Having worked with each Net Control for several years now he believes they are doing a good job. As propagation improves he will try to check in to all nets usually acting as a relay station. He has asked K4QHH to back him up. He has done some presentations on 10-10 in his local area.

Director Harmon spent over a year working on the details of the Orlando Convention. He reported that there were some internal problems within the Cypress Chapter but because the information on the convention had already been published, he and WA6POZ basically took over and made it happen. He reported that the staff of the Holiday Inn has been outstanding. He plans to get back to the rewriting of the Convention guide following the convention. Director Sojka took over the website and made things a whole lot easier. He went to the Boxboro Hamfest, along with WA6POZ, N1API, VE9KM, and KB3GWX. 10-10 had a very successful showing, with over 100 people stopping by, with quite a few renewals and signed up a couple of new members. He will start pursuing a location for the 2011 convention following the Orlando Convention and said that any suggestions from Board members would be appreciated.

Director Ireland reported on his different roles during the year. From July thru December he was responsible for the Contest Committee. Following the 2008 Board meeting, the Committee took on the difficult task of replacing Steve Rasmussen, N0WY as QSO Party Manager. Steve had decided to step down after many years of outstanding service. Several members volunteered their services, and after some discussion, the committee welcomed Dan Morris, KZ3T, #41015 to the position of QSO Party Manager. Sadly, Steve passed away shortly thereafter. The Committee had considerable e-mail discussion concerning the success and continuation of the "Open Season" digital contest, and it was decided to make this a regular feature of our QSO Party program. There was some discussion about the logging and scoring of this event, and a few changes were made. He stepped down as chair of the Contest Committee on December 31. He assumed the chair of the newly created Publications Committee on January 1st, 2009. He gradually took over the role of proof-reading from President Gross and he works with Editor Riedel, who is doing an excellent job. A series on radios and computers is lined up to start soon, about the time LB Cebik's antenna articles (that have been such an invaluable part of the News for so long) run out. LB's last article is in the Summer News. He will be trying to get some of the chapters to do a little bit on history, key players, significant events, milestones etc. He is hoping to get Board members to expand a little on the 300 words they submitted during the election campaigns: how they got into radio, their current setup etc. His Committee is always happy to receive ideas, photographs, and articles. Finally, he attended the Boxboro Hamfest and helped out with the 10-10 booth.

Director Johnson attended the Tampa Bay Hamfest in December and passed out info, the 10-10 News, and renewal forms. She attended the Orlando HamCation in February, and assisted President Gross and Linda Gross, KA6SPS, #68700 with the 10-10 booth. The advertising program is continuing with the three major US magazines. World Radio is now wholly on-line via the CQ website. Ads are now appearing in Radio Amateurs of Canada. Next, other DX ham publications will be considered. She is also planning for some on-line advertising with one or more of the top Ham sites (E-Ham, QRZ, etc), possibly later this year.

Director Kimble reported that the awards program has been alive and well for the past year. Most if not all of the 10-10 awards managers have reported at least once in the News. With open propagation during the last few months, more and more members are applying for basic awards and respective endorsements. Once again, the Digital Award managed by Director Sojka, has been the most popular of the awards. So far a couple of people have managed to get credit for 400 digital contacts. That is pretty impressive during this time of the cycle, whichever cycle we may be in. The CW award has had some success as well. During the past year, the only award that has not reported any activity has been the Great Britain Counties and Regions Award. A concern of a couple of the awards managers (Dan Morris, KZ3T, #41015, and Doris Slye,

N3TGB, #68129) has been about their supply of award certificates. Dan has been working on creating new certificates for the VP and Lucky 13 awards. Using Adobe Pro 8, he has developed a sample of each award certificate. Carl Fisher, W0HIK, #40678, has been working on a new VP WAS award certificate, using photos of members' license plates who are VP numbers holders. He has been able to collect quite a few photos of state ham call license plates, but needs more. Upon the request of the Board, together with Director Taylor and Director Ireland, they have taken another look at using remote devices to make "legal" 10-10 contacts (discussed later in the meeting). There have been a couple of suggestions for possible awards being added to the 10-10 awards program. The Awards Committee is looking into these suggestions.

Director Sojka gave his report. Approval was given at the 2008 meeting to move the Ten-Ten web site from an individual hosting service to a modern web hosting service to allow not only complete control of the site and its contents, but also to reduce the cost of maintaining the site by several hundred dollars. At that time he proposed a completion date of 1 January 2009 to allow for any problems that may arise. He set a personal deadline of October 2008 and worked towards that date. A couple of issues arose during the initial setup; one was that Ten-Ten did not have ownership of the domain name 10-10.org. It took nearly three months to get this resolved and in the meantime he acquired the domain name pskten.net as a testing platform for the transition. One sour note was that the new hosting service advertised that they provided Mailman list service, but did not indicate that this was a very restricted service limited to 100 subscribers. After much research it was found that all the major hosting services only provide restricted use of this program due to server and mail load. He personally maintained the 10-10 list at his location until 17 December 2008 when he closed his business and at that time the 10-10 list became inactive. Below is a time line of the events that have taken place until the present date.

13 June 2008 Pskten.net was acquired and initialized. All the site contents were moved and a total rework began.

26 September 2008 Ten-Ten International gained control of the 10-10.org domain name

07 October 2008 revised site contents moved to new hosting service as ten-ten.org

09 October 2008 dns services updated and the new site became live

19 October 2008 a Forum was installed to replace the 10-10 Mailman list

23 October 2008 Chat Room installed

31 October 2008 Forum replaced after a security attack

10 November 2008 Database driven QSL Inquiry installed

14 January 2009 10-10 membership online lookup system installed

01 March 2009 Chat Room security update made to allow banning of the undesirables

11 April 2009 Forum security patch install to stop spam bot attempts to register

28 April 2009 A full service Shopping Cart was installed allowing for membership renewal, applications and also Convention registration.

Eventually all 10-10 related data services will hopefully be located on the web site and the Shopping Cart expanded to handle any items that 10-10 sells. One little note about the shopping cart---this is a very unique application since processing membership requires the customer to provide data in order to qualify. A custom cart that would handle all these functions would cost in excess of \$1,000. To avoid such an expense it was decided to use external forms to drive the shopping cart. This does require some duplication of input, but it allows for each transaction to be followed through at two levels. The Shopping Cart has paid off. Some used it for the convention registration. There have been 217 customers with 120 renewals, 57 new members, eight DX renewals, six family renewals, four new DX, four new family and two senior life. As to the Forum, there have been 883 posts, with 384 topics and 293 members on the forum. The Chat Room has 85 registered users. 12 have been banished. There have been 132,361 visits to the web page since October.

Director Moore took over the responsibility for the QSO Party function from Director Ireland on 1 Jan 2009. The QSO Party Manager, Steve Rasmussen, N0WY passed away on 30 Jul 2008 and was replaced by Dan, KZ3T. The QSO parties continued to be popular and brought out activity even when the band seemed dead. The phone parties brought the greatest participation. The QSO Party Committee consists of: Chuck, N2EOC, Dan, KZ3T, Doc, WB6OJB, Jeff, N7YG, Leslie, WA4EEZ, Garry, VE7ACM, Ruth, N0KDB, Charlie, KE1HG and Paul, WN4AMO. Several issues have been considered by the Committee and will be

discussed or recommendations made later in the meeting. These issues include: Separation of dates for the CW/digital QSO parties, Self spotting during QSO parties, a possible YL/OM QSO Party and revised rules for the Mobile QSO party. He continues to be the trustee for W6OI. W6OI has been used in all QSO Parties and several special events including the November Party and continues to be popular.

Director Taylor continued to accept the quarterly reports from the 85 active affiliated chapters and/or subchapters and used these reports to ensure that the "Chapter Net Guide" and "10-10 Chapters Listing" were up to date on the 10-10 website, and that the "Chapter Net Guide" as listed in the 10-10 News and on the website was also current. He maintained a suspense file of these quarterly reports and listed delinquencies and those reports due in the next quarter in the 10-10 News. He reminded those chapters that were delinquent via email, and then via USPS, if no report was submitted. Changes to the aforementioned reports were submitted to the webmaster on the 1st and 15th of each month. He continued to write the Chapter Manager's column for the 10-10 News. Included in it is chapter information that is of interest and a list of chapters that accepts upgrades via email. He also recommended to K4HAV those changes which needed to be made in the CHAPNAME and SEALNAME listings in the WIN1010 program. These listings are updated as needed and contain the latest information on chapters and chapter seals (whether collectible or used on worksheets). This information is made available to any 10-10 member on the WIN1010DL web site. He worked with the Affiliation Committee on matters relating to chapter affiliation and/or re-affiliation. One chapter, the Margarita and Martini Chapter, was affiliated during this reporting period. Several chapters were declared non 10-10 affiliated for not meeting various requirements of affiliation. He acted upon queries, etc., from chapter officials, answered questions from any member relative to the 10-10 chapters and, in general, tried to keep the 10-10 members aware of what was happening in the different chapters. Two chapters were dropped: Oceans of the World and Florida Radio Sunshine. In addition, Director Taylor assisted Director Moore in carrying out the W6OI Special Event, made the QSL cards for the W6OI Special Event and also made cards for the convention stations of W6OI and W4/VE9TEN. He worked on the "What is a Valid 10-10 contact?" Ad Hoc Committee in order to come up with a proposal concerning same to be delivered to the Board of Directors at this meeting.

After Director Taylor presented his report, the Board felt that the position title should be Chapter Coordinator not Chapter Manager.

Treasurer Schlottman told the Board that the past year has been an exciting one for him. At the beginning of the year, he decided to make a concentrated effort to promote 10-10 heavily. Membership levels typically decline during the solar minimum and his belief is that this can be prevented through promotion. For many years, he has helped staff a 10-10 exhibit booth and also provided a portion of the forum talk during the Dayton Hamvention. He noted that many people like to drop by and tell us that 10 meters is "dead", so he made the theme of his 2008 talk to contradict those naysayers. His talk at Dayton was titled, "Ten Meters is Alive & Well", and included absolute proof that there is actually a large amount of 10 meter activity despite our current status in the low point of the solar cycle. He followed the 2008 Dayton Hamvention with booths and talks at numerous other 2008 events including the Arizona State Convention, the New Mexico State Convention, the ARRL Southwest Division Convention, and the Southern Arizona DX Association. 2009 events attended were the Radio Society of Tucson, the Desert Fest, the Dayton Hamvention and the Arizona State Convention. He was taken by complete surprise when a recording of his Dayton talk was featured as the entire episode of the January 30th, 2009 *Rain Report!* The mp3 file is still available in the Rain Report's website archives. Other highlights included a packed room of 200+ at the SW Division Convention, and a video recorded interview at the Desert Fest by the owner of the "73s.org" website (not yet released). He estimated that he reached well over 500 people in the talks, plus an undetermined number of people in the Rain Report and 73s.org recordings. After every talk, attendees told him that they planned to get on the air more often. At some of the events, he helped new members collect their qualification QSO's by setting up two ten meter radios. He handed out hundreds of copies of the NEWS, took renewals, collected scholarship donations, etc. The expenses of attending these events were primarily paid for himself, with some minor reimbursements by 10-10. As we continue towards the next solar maximum, he would encourage all Officers and Directors to participate in promoting 10-10 at every opportunity. He also said that the ARRL has been very supportive of 10-10.

Data Manager Gross processes new members, renewals and Life Membership. He handles all charges, verifies call, name and address changes. He also interfaces with the 10-10 News Editor in the publication and mailing of the News. He said that Ruth Bartholomew, NOKDB, #48715, the Silent Key Manager, tracks, verifies and reports on Silent Key activity, using data from the ARRL, QCWA, SSDI and other sources. Ruth with some help from Dan Morris, KZ3T, #41015 has been going through the 10-10 database identifying SK's. Currently she has gone up through number 46,000 and has identified 14,000 Silent Keys. He told the Board that with the change in the licensing structure, membership has started to increase. However, with the poor band conditions, existing membership renewals have slowly decreased. From April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 there were 424 new members. The last year there were over 400 new members was 2003. He initiated the practice of automatically sending an email to every new member at the time the number is assigned so that they can use the number immediately rather than having to wait until the new membership packet reaches them at home. At the time of renewal, email addresses and the willingness to accept email notifications of important 10-10 events has been requested. Since January, over 1000 emails have been generated announcing QSO Parties, and the delaying of the April 10-10 News. The Shopping Cart has been a learning experience. A credit card transaction is not credited immediately. Four e-mails are involved for security reasons to process a credit card transaction. People were asked on the website to indicate where they found out about 10-10. There haven't been all that many connections from ads in the magazines yet. To process credit card transactions, the Omaha First National Bank demanded that he be certified and trusted as of 7/1. He had to fill out a questionnaire, download software and then the bank tried to communicate with his computer using that software. Testing is done every month. Transactions must be hard-wired, no Wifi is permitted for credit card transactions. 10-10 loses 5-7% on credit card transactions and Pay Pal can't be used because the people have to be verified, as we are not selling merchandise. 10-10 is the only ham organization processing renewals on-line. He provided Statistical reports on membership for the years April/March, 2000-2001 through 2008-2009 and a breakdown of Active Membership for the month of March for the years 2008 and 2009 and for May for the years 2003 through 2008.

President Gross thanked all for their reports

A break was taken at 9:38 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 9:54 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Organizational Chart Review Update

President Gross asked if there were any changes to the Organizational Chart. Director Ireland said to add KM5EH, G4BLH and K7PRZ to the Publications Committee. Also the 10-10 News Editor should be notified to add these to the volunteer list for publication in the News. Director Moore can also post this information on the Forum.

Advertising

President Gross pointed out that we are substantially under-budget on our \$10,000 advertising budget. Only \$2863 has been spent and there is room for further expansion. What do we want to do about advertising in RSGB? No decision was reached. Treasurer Schlottman would like to see the size of the ads increased to make them more visible. 10-10 can use someone with design ability to help us come up with a nicer ad. Vice-President Berger suggested looking into advertising on the internet—QRZ.com, etc. This was also mentioned in Director Johnson's report. President Gross said that it's hard to say right now what the responses are to our ads. In a month we have had seven positive responses through the shopping cart.

DXpeditions

Past President Imsande wanted the Board to consider whether 10-10 wanted to contribute to DXpeditions and assign a unique 10-10 # that they would pass out on their operations. The Board discussed what 10-10 would get from this. Which ones do we contribute to, as there are a large number of these? There was some discussion that passing out 10-10 numbers would slow down the operations of the DXpeditions. It was also suggested that the Board get DX expert N5MT's input on this. However, there was no support for moving forward with this idea at the present time.

Adoption of a Conflict of Interest Policy

Treasurer Schlottman told the Board that the IRS says that 10-10 must have a Conflict of Interest Policy to maintain our non-profit status. One example of a potential conflict of interest is Gerry Gross as Data Manager & President at the same time. President Gross mentioned that he did not vote on the Data manager contract. If there is potential for a conflict of interest by any Board member, there will be full disclosure to the Board. Copies were circulated again to the Board. Director Ireland noted that this Policy was adopted at the 2008 meeting. Treasurer Schlottman said that what was pending was having General Counsel Split review the policy and this has been done. Therefore, all the Board has to do is sign the Policy.

Operations Manual Review

President Gross said there is much too much information and detail in the Operations Manual. There is duplication and there are conflicts with the By-Laws. Changing the Operations Manual doesn't require a vote of the Board every time the Board makes a change. Some of the material is outdated and some can be eliminated. He will ask each member of the Board to maintain the appropriate section(s) and then publish as one document once a year prior to the Board meeting. The Board would vote on the changed document at the annual meeting. He went through the various responsibilities. He would like to see all the awards taken out of the ops manual and put on the website.

Motion by Director Sojka seconded by Director Harmon to allow the President to modify and divide the Operations Manual into sections to be updated by the appropriate Board members during the coming year. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Website and List Serve

Director Sojka told the Board that we adopted the new website last year we misunderstood the capability of the List Serve provided. He said that 10-10 needs to go to a new hosting service and outlined the alternatives for doing this. Most major hosting services using Mailman limit have a limit of 100 members and 10-10 has over 500. We want to own our List Serve. He discussed two alternatives and the associated costs that will give 10-10 what we need. Director Sojka will not manage the list serve as it is too time consuming. The Board will need to find a volunteer to manage this, someone who can check the list every day. He will show the person how to set the list up and how to manage it. That person will be on his Committee. President Gross said that we have made amazing strides in the development of our website. We are now doing membership applications and renewals. He has future ideas on how members can print membership cards, etc.

Treasurer Schlottman was disappointed that we lost the archives when we left Jack Stone's service. Director Sojka said we can get the archives for the present system

Motion by Director Sojka seconded by Director Farrow to adopt an agreement with EMWD to provide a List Serve for 10-10. Motion carried.

A break was taken at 11:10 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m.

Other Old Business

Director Ireland went through items of Old Business from the minutes of the 2008 annual meeting asking for the status of the various items that were to be followed up:

1. Convention Guide- K1IEQ is working on a re-write to be available to anyone who wants to run a convention.
2. Getting 10-10 as a new field in Logbook of the World-Gerry says this will not happen. ARRL hasn't been to encouraging when other organizations have approached them with this idea. .
3. WOHIK-requiring VP # on card for award? K0DBK will check
4. Ownership of 10-10.org? This has happened and is documented in KD5DE's report.
5. Worked All Modes Award?-To be discussed later on the agenda
6. Award to recognize members with low 10-10 #s—K5CC recommends dropping the idea for now.
7. Inviting special people to Board meetings and paying expenses-this is being done.
8. Bar Awards-Are 5 errors still being allowed? Yes, this posted on the website under Bar Award guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS

10-10 Mission Statement

President Gross felt that 10-10 needed a mission statement, so he drafted one. This is important for any organization. He said that 10-10 needs to embrace new technologies to attract new people into the hobby and our organization.

Motion by Director Sojka seconded by Director Ireland to adopt a 10-10 Mission Statement to read: "Ten-Ten International Net, Inc. is an organization dedicated to assisting, encouraging and promoting amateur radio activity on the 10 meter amateur band, using all lawful modes of operation and embracing new technologies. Our aim is to assist in the growth of amateur radio around the world, to mentor new members and embrace fellowship among amateur operators." Motion carried.

Director Ireland said that the Mission Statement is in conflict with the purpose statement in the By-Laws. A motion was made later in the meeting regarding the By-Laws.

Ideas from Forum

President Gross brought up ideas that members put on the 10-10 Forum and he suggested that the Board consider these. (If there was no motion they were discussed with no action).

A request was made to lower the age of Senior Membership from 65 to 60. The Board felt that if anything, the age should be raised.

Change the dues structure to add an additional Class of Club Membership to \$5 with no 10-10 News and no vote.

Motion by Director Johnson seconded by Director Kimble to offer as an option a reduced club membership at \$5 per year. The club would not receive the 10-10 News and could not vote. Motion carried. A notice will be sent to clubs. They will have until 1/1/10 to contact the 10-10 Data Manager to arrange the prorating of any previous dues paid.

Offer reduced rate student dues. The Board felt that this would be difficult to verify and administer.

Offer Associate Membership. No action.

Modification to existing requirement that Ten-Ten numbers must be exchanged over the year in order to be valid for ten-ten awards. People would be able to take 10-10 numbers from QSL cards. No action.

For DX members have reduced dues for the electronic copy of the News, the same fees as U.S. members. President Gross talked about the realities of costs for the News. DX member dues should actually be higher than we charge now. Any changes to dues should be the whole structure not just one class of membership.

Setting up classes of power for contests. No action.

Spelling Bee Award. This was referred to the Awards Committee for study.

A lunch break was taken at 12:10 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 1:18 p.m.

Official 10-10 International Official Club Stations

President Gross had asked Directors Moore and Ireland to develop some policies for 10-10 International Official Club Stations. A proposed policy was distributed to the Board. Henry Ringleb, DL8YBM, #36109 made a request to President Gross to use the call DL0X as a 10-10 International Official Club Station. 10-10 #75555 was issued to that call. Directors Moore and Ireland sent Henry some questions to answer as well as a copy of the proposed policy. Wolf Dethleps, DK7LA, #66048 spoke at the meeting to the Board

as to the various questions that had been raised. A lively discussion took place concerning the use of club stations, individuals giving out several club calls when working individuals and other club station issues.

Motion by Director Moore seconded by Director Farrow that the policy for 10-10 International Official Club Stations shall be adopted as distributed to the Board with the following amendments: 1) These stations will not collect 10-10 numbers for awards except for the Basic VP and, 2) They will not actively engage in paper chasing. Motion carried.

Motion by Director Moore seconded by Director Farrow to approve the request by DL8YBM for the designation of DL0X, #75555 as the German 10-10 Official Club Station. Motion carried.

Hamfest Participation

President Gross said that he and Treasurer Schlottman covered many of the major ham events last year and more members of the Board are needed to get out there and get involved in promoting 10-10 at various ham events. There is a budget for this. All Board members should look for opportunities and he will let us know when he gets invitations.

Awards Committee

President Gross made an appeal to get something started so we can have some new awards. The Spelling Bee has been proposed. Director Kimble has gotten little response or input from the Awards Committee. Many members had no comments when asked. President Gross said that Director Kimble should go back to his Committee again to see if they have ideas for new awards. He is looking toward non-propagating awards like the Lucky 13 where you work the award and move on. He suggested that perhaps there should be some new members to get this committee fired up.

QSO Parties

Director Moore and his Committee felt that the Digital and CW QSO Parties should be separated.

Motion by Director Moore seconded by Director Farrow that the Digital and CW QSO Parties be run on separate weekends. Motion carried. KZ3T will find another weekend for the Digital QSO Party. It was suggested that it shouldn't conflict with any other major CW event.

YL/OM QSO Party

It was concluded that the time is not right for starting this and it can be brought up again when band conditions improve.

Week Long 6 Mode QSO Party proposed by Paul Hemby, WN4AMO, #73825.

Motion by Director Moore seconded by Director Farrow to approve a week long six mode QSO Party to be run on a one year trial basis by WN4AMO. Motion carried. WN4AMO will recommend the week to be used for this QSO Party.

Mobile QSO Party

Some changes were made last year to help with difficulties in scoring. The current rules allowed multipliers in the USA, England and Canada.

Motion by Director Moore seconded by Director Harmon to modify the Mobile QSO Party rules to count only the 3077 US counties as multipliers. Motion carried with the vote as follows:

For: Directors Moore, Johnson, Harmon, Taylor and Vice-President Berger.

Against: Directors Ireland, Sojka, Farrow and Kimble.

It was agreed to have the contest committee look into how the international issue should be handled to make the Mobile QSO Party more inclusive.

Self Spotting

This is allowed in 10-10 QSO Party rules. No changes were recommended

QSO Parties-Miscellaneous

Issue Certificates to Non-Members-The Committee felt that 10-10 membership is not very difficult to obtain and recommends against any change.

Duration of QSO Parties

No changes were recommended

CW Skimmer- The QSO Party Committee felt that this technology enhances the use of the CW mode and the Board agreed.

What is a Valid 10-10 Contact

President Gross had set up an Ad Hoc Committee of Directors Ireland, Taylor and Kimble, to look into this issue. Director Taylor led the discussion. A poll was set up on the 10-10 Forum and 50 people voiced opinions. Director Taylor went through the results with the percentage of respondents favoring each scenario. He said that the Committee recommends that a broader audience is needed to resolve this issue and suggests putting a survey in the October 10-10 News querying the membership on these same questions:

Should the following constitute a valid 10-10 contact?

1. An individual using a remote transmitter.
2. Club members using the same remote transmitter.
3. Anyone using a 10 meter repeater.
4. Anyone using a repeater for 10 meters as well as other bands.
5. Anyone using a wireless microphone.
6. Operator to operator with no help whatsoever.

The Board agreed that members can e-mail back their responses and they will be evaluated by the Board with possible action at next year's annual meeting.

10-10 Repeater Awards

Director Ireland said that this was brought up last year. The Board agreed that this requires further study by the Awards Committee.

Dxpeditions by 10-10 Members

Treasurer Schlottman mentioned that several 10-10 members have been gradually planning to organize a DXpedition where they would emphasize 10-10 contacts. He raised the idea on the 10-10 reflector last year. The location could be in somewhere in the Caribbean (possibly St. Bartholomew) in 2011 when better conditions are expected. Participating members would pay their own way. Efforts like this could help to make 10-10 more mainstream.

2011 Convention

President Gross said that we need to get started on this and promote it. There must be a real commitment on the part of the chapter sponsoring it. KIIEQ will get started on this following the convention.

A break was taken at 3:05 p.m. and the meeting continued at 3:15 p.m.

Financial Report

Treasurer Schlottman told the Board that Net assets continue to increase. The approach of using CD's has proven to be a "grand slam." He explained aspects of his report that was provided to the Board. As of 3/31/09 we have \$184,756 in net assets (unrestricted-not deferred). We have a conservative deferral amount. He uses a laddered approach to brokered CD's, keeping less than \$100,000 in each. His target is to get 5% return on CD's and usually seeks five year terms. His advice is to take some of the surplus and "grow" the organization through advertising and having a presence at hamfests and conventions. There are adequate funds in the budget for these items and should be utilized. 10-10 reimburses the partial cost of members who work hamfests and conventions. President Gross felt that \$68,000 for dues is too high for the 2009-2010 budget (approved at last year's Board meeting). It will be changed to \$62,000. The budgeted change in net assets for 2009-2010 should be changed to (11,300).

President Gross mentioned that he plans to step down as Data Manager at the end of 2010. Depending on the arrangement after that, the related costs associated with this position for 2011 could increase. He will be working with Vice-President Berger and Treasurer Schlottman to explore the options.

Motion by Director Ireland seconded by Director Sojka to approve the 2010-2011 Budget as proposed and to amend the 2009-2010 Budget to change membership dues revenue to \$62,000. Motion carried.

2010 Board Meeting

President Gross asked Director Kimble to look into finding a hotel with a meeting room near the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport sometime in July or August.

By Laws Motion

Motion by Director Ireland seconded by Director Taylor to replace By-Laws Article 2 "Purpose" with a new section titled "Mission Statement" using same language approved earlier in the meeting. Motion carried.

Director Ireland reminded the Board that Article VIII Section 3 indicates that the change just made to Article 2 needs to be published in the 10-10 News.

President Gross adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Berger, WA2SUH Vice-President

10-10 International Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
2009 Board of Directors Meeting
July 23, 2009
Orlando, Florida

President Gerry Gross, WA6POZ, #21274 called the 2009 10-10 International Scholarship Foundation Inc. meeting to order at 3:58 p.m. on July 23, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Select-Orlando International Airport in Orlando, Florida.

Roll was called by President Gross. Present were President Gerry Gross, WA6POZ, #21274, Vice-President Larry Berger, WA2SUH, #407, Treasurer Keith Schlottman, KR7RK, # 63324, Director Brad Kimble, K0DBK, #55192, Director Cliff Taylor, K5FBS, #48461, Director Jack Moore, K5CC, #50708, Director Rob Ireland, VE9KM, #69811, Director Leslie Johnson, WA4EEZ, #15675, Director Robert Farrow, N6OPR, #45716, Director Mel Sojka, KD5DE, #33513 and Director Ken Harmon, #31363. Secretary Sandy Glenn, W7SSG, #74633 was unable to attend due to personal reasons. A sufficient number of Officers and Directors were present and a quorum was established.

10-10 News Editor Paul Riedel, KI0SR, #8861 was an invited guest. General Counsel Dave Splitt, KE3VV, #69831 was unable to attend due to personal reasons.

There were no additions, corrections or deletions to the Agenda.

Hearing no objections, the minutes of the 2008 10-10 International Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting held May 31, 2008 as published in the 10-10 International News stand approved.

Vice-President (and Scholarship Manager) Berger presented his report. 2008-2009 was a successful year for the Scholarship Foundation with total income of \$9789, but this was down from the two previous years. 2007-2008 was the most successful year for the Scholarship Foundation, with total income of \$13,048. The goal has been to cover the four \$1500 10-10 scholarships through donations. We exceeded our goal by over \$3700. In 2006-2007, the Scholarship Foundation took in \$12,492, and for 2005-2006 the figure was \$9092. (All previous figures have been re-calculated based on the 10-10 year, April through March). In 2008-2009 we had 168 donors. In 2007-2008 we had 162 donors, compared with 141 donors in 2006-2007 and 192 in 2005-2006. In 2008-2009 we were helped by several large donations, including one of \$3000, one anonymous donation of \$1200, two donations of \$500 and one of \$300. In 2008-2009 we received one donation of \$250 that was later matched by the employer. The figure for the previous year was \$2,250. During 2008-2009 four donations were received in memory of members NOWY, N6EMI and W2BOC. A check for \$125 was received from the Houston Shot Chapter treasury. About \$875 in merchandise was sold at Dayton, Hamcom, Williams, AZ , the NM State Convention, the SW Division Convention and this is included in the scholarship fund total. Expenses were about the same as the previous year. He has been sending out thank you letters and special pins. For \$10 a donor gets a 2009 pin and for \$15 the 2007 or 2008 pin is given as well. For the first time, the Foundation for Amateur Radio listed his e-mail address and phone number on their website. He handled 32 requests by applicants for a listing of 10-10 members in their area. A recommendation from an active member is required for our scholarship. Looking at the three year comparison chart, December is our best month, followed by February and then August. The slowest month is April, followed closely by September. He made the Board aware that over \$6000 of the \$9789 collected this year came from six donors. Without these generous donations 10-10 would be well under our goal. Finally, with a large balance in our account 10-10 will be able to easily cover any shortfall, should it occur.

Treasurer Schottman reported that the only money distributed out of the account was the check for \$6000 sent to the Foundation for Amateur Radio. A check is sent to F.A.R. in the fall and the scholarships are given out the following year. The expenses of the manager of around \$200 for postage and supplies are subsidized by 10-10. He reported that we have a healthy balance of just under \$30,000 at the present time.

He also said that we don't have to file a tax return with the IRS since our income isn't high enough, but he does file an electronic postcard each year to let the IRS know that we are still in business.

Motion by Vice-President Berger seconded by Director Sojka to fund four \$1500 scholarships for the year 2009-2010. Motion carried.

Motion by Treasurer Schlottman seconded by Director Ireland to adopt a Conflict of Interest Policy as distributed to the Board at the meeting. Motion carried.

President Gross adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Berger, WA2SUH Vice-President