

10-10 International Net, Inc.
2010 Board of Directors Meeting
St. Louis, Missouri
June 19, 2010

Vice-President Larry Berger, WA2SUH, #407 called the 2010 10-10 International Net Inc., Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:35 AM on June 19, 2010, at the Sheraton Westport Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri. Roll was called by Secretary Sandy Glenn, W7SSG, #74633. Present were 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 Robert Farrow, N6OPR, #45716; Director Ken Harmon, K1IEQ, #31363; Director Paul Hemby, WN4AMO, #73825 and Director Mel Sojka, KD5DE # 33513. President Gerry Gross, WA6POZ, #21274, was absent due to medical reasons, as well as past President Chuck Imsande, W6YLJ, #19636. General Counsel Dave Splitt, KE3VV, #69831 was absent due to a family commitment. A sufficient number of Officers and Directors were present and a quorum was established.

Invited guests present were Treasurer Keith Schlottman, KR7RK, #63324, new Data Manager Joe Faria, W1SQL, #71965, and Editor Paul Riedel, KI0SR, #8861. Also in attendance were Marlon Gillbreath, WA0CKO, #37994, William Eggleston, N0WM, #2724, Jerry Heien, N9AVY, #43313 and Gary Miller, KA6GPC, #43555.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Taylor. An opportunity was given for the recognition of any other 10-10 member country. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of recent Silent Keys.

The following items were added to the agenda: the rewrite of chapter guidelines; consideration of a Board succession plan; the Presidents award and discussion of the open season contest.

Hearing no objections, the minutes of the 2009 Board of Directors meeting held July 23, 2009 as published in the 10-10 International News, stand approved.

REPORTS:

In the absence of President Gross, Vice-President Berger gave the highlights of the President's report. President Gross reported that he attended the Dayton Hamvention, and HamCom in Plano, TX. He continues to write quarterly articles for the 10-10 News and a bi-monthly article for World Radio Online. He reported that in February he appointed Paul Hemby, WN4AMO, #73825 as Director to replace the position left vacant by the resignation of Director Leslie Johnson, WA4EEZ, #15675. The appointment was subsequently approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. Paul Hemby has assumed the duties as the head of the Public Relations Committee.

Vice-President Berger reported on his activities for the past year. He reviewed the monthly reports of the Data Manager and found them to be in order; was consulted with on several issues relating to 10-10 and the Scholarship Foundation; assisted in interviewing candidates for the Data Manager/Supply Manager position(s) and responded to several inquiries from 10-10 members. He reported that he gave talks at several local radio clubs on transmitter hunting and also worked in a pitch for 10-10 at the conclusion of his presentations. 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 our 10-10 Scholarships, (see 10-10 Scholarship Foundation minutes).

Secretary Glenn reported that in the past year as secretary she and her family had represented 10-10 at Sea Pac in (Seaside, OR) There had not been anyone representing 10-10 there in the past 20 years, so they were more than happy to have us present to hand out the 10-10 News, handle memberships, etc. She also fulfilled the duties of Secretary during the elections.

Director Hemby reported on Advertising. He said that we are presently advertising in four publications: QST, CQ, World Radio and Canadian Amateur. He has contacted each and asked them to list him as the contact for 10-10 advertising. He helped man the 10-10 booth at the Orlando Hamfest, where they had a great turnout, processed some renewals and handled new applications. He has been working with Director Moore to get the new Spirit of 76 QSO Party going.

Director Kimble reported on the Awards Committee. The committee has been fairly busy over the past year. Currently, there are four committee members. In the past year there have not been any issues that the committee had to deal with. All of the managers have been able to report at least once during the year with the exception of the GP Counties and Regions and WAS awards, due to propagation. But with propagation picking up he expects the coming year to be very active for the awards program. He also checks the Ten-Ten Forum on a regular basis to ensure there were no questions relating to the awards program by members. This will be his last report as Director and Awards Committee Chairman, as he will not be running for re-election at the end of his term.

Director Taylor reported as Chapter Coordinator. With the help of the Chapter Relations Committee he affiliated chapters wanting to become members of the 10-10 organization; re-affiliated those chapters desiring continued affiliation; and de-affiliated those chapters no longer meeting requirements and took care of problems which arose regarding chapters.

He accepted quarterly reports from currently active 85 affiliated chapters and/or subchapters, to ensure lists were up to date on the 10-10 website and Chapter Net Guide. He continued to write the Chapters Manager's column for the 10-10 News, including chapter information that was of interest and list of chapters that accepted upgrades via e-mail. He recommended to K4HAV changes which needed to be made in the CHAPNAME and SEAL NAME listings in the WIN1010 program. These listings are updated as needed and contain the latest information on chapters and chapter seals (whether collectable or used on worksheets). This information is made available to any

10-10 member on the WIN1010DL web site. Director Taylor assisted Director Moore in the W6OI Special Event by finding members in the 1 through 5 Districts who wanted to participate and made the QSL cards for the event. He worked on the "What is a Valid 10-10 Contact?" Ad Hoc Committee to come up with a proposal to be delivered to the Board of Directors at this annual meeting.

Director Harmon reported on the 2011 convention which will be held at the Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel in St Louis, MO on July 19-23 hosted by the Gateway Chapter, with the Board Meeting on the 20th of July, and chapters can set up tables on that day. Thursday would be the first day of the convention, all day Friday and Saturday would be a short day ending around 3:00 for "President's time" and getting ready for the banquet that evening. There was a lot of discussion on the 2011 convention and questions were brought up about the cost for the convention. There is \$10,000 set in the budget (two year budget plan) for hamfests and conventions. Also, door prizes for the convention are usually handled by the President and other members usually in the past have gotten donations from the Dayton Hamfest by contacting different organizations and getting donations. Letters are always a good way to get donations. A motion was made by Director Farrow seconded by Director Sojka to establish pre-convention seed money with a cap of \$2500.00 with the contact to be Director Harmon. Motioned carried.

Director Sojka gave the Internet Report. He stated that the web site continues to be very active, and we have recorded 175,856 visits, with the revisions below:

April 11, 2009 – A Forum security patch was installed to stop spam bot attempts to register

April 28, 2009 – A full service Shopping Cart was installed to allow for on line membership renewals and applications.

Aug 10, 2009 - The Shopping Cart was modified to allow for club station renewals and applications at a reduced rate when the no news option was chosen.

Aug 26, 2009 - A new Mailman mailing list became available using an outside provider. This replaced the list that had been dropped in December 2008.

Feb 22, 2010 - To prevent unauthorized access, a security patch was added to the shopping cart.

Mailman List: Set up new Ten-Ten list at EMWD hosting. There are no major hosting services that allow total Mailman usability; therefore a contract type service was the only option. Cost is \$4.00 per month for an average of 8000 outgoing posts per day. At the 6 month renewal date we had 139 subscribers to the list and renewed for a one year subscription. When shut down the previous list in 2008 there were just over 500 subscribers.

Shopping Cart. This is a one of a kind application; the customer has to create the product using a form before the purchase can be made. This does cause a little problem at times, as many members will access the application out of curiosity and if they do not make the purchase, he and the Data manager get a copy of the form expecting a purchase to follow. This has happened 139 times. He is working on a revised form to see if some of the problems with the shopping cart can be avoided.

Forum/Chat Room. We have 349 registered users on the forum and 139 in the chat room. The forum is not being used to its full capabilities. The chat room seems to be used

only during QSO parties so it does have to be monitored for abuse on a regular basis.

A break was taken at 10:00 AM and the meeting resumed at 10:15 AM.

Director Ireland reported on the Publications Committee: He said that he and the Editor have solicited articles and other material for publication in the News with varying degrees of success. They have tried to start a series on radios and computers, but it has been difficult getting material from the original author. They have started a series on Board members and so will be looking in the near future for volunteers. It was asked that Director Kimble provide an article for the October issue of the News since he will no longer be a Director after December. He accepted. One other item discussed is that the News fails the "flop test." This refers to the weight of the paper going through the postal machine. The options for this are: 1) using 50# paper will cost approximately \$150.00 more per issue to send out and 2) using bulk rate which may be far less reliable. We will be using the heavier paper and using first class mail.

Director Moore gave his report on W6OI (official 10-10 Club Station), QSO Parties and the mobile contest rules.

W6OI

Club station W6OI was established in 1975 in memory of Jim Payne who was the Corporate Secretary and Treasurer for 10-10 as well as a Net Control Station. W6OI is available to current members or chapters for special events such as conventions and gatherings. Louise N6ELK operates W6OI on the 10-10 daily nets. The club station participated in all QSO Parties and was operated by Dan K7IUQ mobile and portable from December 9th to March 10th. W6OI was the official station at the Orlando Convention in July 2009 making over 100 contacts.

QSO Parties

Marginal band conditions were reflected in the number of logs received for the various QSO Parties. The phone QSO Parties brought the greatest participation. There is a new QSO Party in July, " Spirit of 76", in which stations will operate 6 modes. Also in October there will be a special sprint on 10-10-10. Ruth, N0KDB has designed certificates to be given to members working any of five categories- one member with 1010 in number, 10 members with 10 in number, 10 volunteers, all 10 US call areas and 10 DX members.

Mobile QSO Party:

This event is held on the third Saturday in March. Director Moore recommended revision to the Mobile QSO Party rules. He said the current rules allow both mobile and fixed stations to submit logs and to use multipliers for counties worked from and for counties worked. This results in stations having to submit multiple logs and has caused scoring difficulties for both QSO participants and for the scoring manager. The revised rules would allow only mobiles to submit logs since this is a mobile event (fixed stations could submit check logs if desired). Points would be like other QSO parties, two points for working 10-10 members and one point for non-members. No multipliers for counties worked or counties worked from would be allowed; however, mobiles could work the same station from different counties and receive two points for each contact. A copy of the revised rules was given to all Board members. An outline of the revised rules follows:

1. Only mobile stations will submit logs; however fixed stations are encouraged to participate to help give out points and collect counties. Mobile applies to car, truck, RV, motorcycle, boat, airplane or other mode of transportation. A station operating mobile entry must be a true mobile. Sitting in the driveway and using the base station antenna or amplifier, or using commercial power is not permitted. RV generators are permitted only if the generator is used while in transit.
2. Operation while your vehicle is parked across a county line occupying two counties, counts as two counties and two contacts. Marine and aeronautical mobiles must be able to establish counties of operation.
3. The on the air exchange shall be Call, Name, QTH, 10-10 Number (if a member) zero (0) if not) and county.
4. Scoring will be the same as other 10-10 QSO parties. Two points awarded for contacts with a 10-10 number and one point without a 10-10 number. Duplicate entries are allowed when working in multiple counties.
5. Logs must be in date/time order and list Date, UTC time, county worked from, Call, Name, 10-10 number, County worked, QTH and Contact Point Value. Fixed stations may submit logs as check logs only.
6. Logs must be postmarked no later than 14 days after the end of the event. Only members in good standing with dues paid are eligible for awards.

Discussion followed about the revised rules with questions being raised about fixed stations not being included and DX entities not being represented. No consensus was forthcoming and action was postponed until later in the day

Director Farrow reported on 10-10 nets: He stated that 10-10 nets are called daily (except Sunday). There are a lot of questions by members about what is a VP so maybe we should put some information in the news about this. There was one net run by Dan, KC8IM that had 53 check-ins with the help of two relay stations. A big concern is that 10-10 Board members do not check in. There were 31 check-ins on Thursday, June 17th. He also stated that he needs more net controllers especially on the East Coast and the Mid-West. He was asked to check into having PSK nets and on June 1 started a PSK net, with three contacts, with one 10-10 member. Then on the second day there were no check ins. This net is run daily (except Sundays) at 1900 hours.

Vice-President Berger presented Data Manager Gerry Gross' report. Ruth Bartholomew NOKDB, #48715, Silent Key Manager, tracks, verifies and report on silent key activity, using data from the following: ARRL, QCWA, SSDI and other sources. She continues going through the 10-10 database identifying SK's. As of March 31, 2010 she is through 40,012 having identified over 2300 silent keys this year and 4900 as of this report. As Data Manager Gerry processes new memberships, renewals, and life memberships, 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. With the poor band conditions, memberships have slowed. As of March 31, 2010 over 350 members receive the news either a download or by e-mail., and over 1100 members have signed up for a quarterly e-mail notification of important 10-10 events.

Vice-President Berger thanked everyone for their reports.

Old Business:

Organization Chart Review: Vice-President Berger asked if there were any changes to the Organization Chart. The following changes were noted: Net Control station N7PVL should be deleted and replaced by KC8IM. Data Manager WA6POZ is replaced by W1SQL. If there is anything else to be changed or added let President Gross know and it will be noted.

What is a Valid 10-10 contact: This discussion was led by Director Ireland. At the direction of the Board, an ad hoc committee comprised of Directors Taylor, Kimble and Ireland was established to work on the definition of a legitimate 10-10 contact. At the June 2008 Board Meeting, a change was made to the Operations Manual that stated "A repeater contact will count as long as both stations have no direct or indirect control over the repeater". Following some negative reaction an online survey was held, but with only 50 responses the Board felt that this was insufficient to warrant a further change.

Therefore, a survey was published in the October 2009 news with 70 responses coming back; from that it appears the recent change in the definition a legal contact allowing the use of repeaters was not popular with most of the respondents nor was the concept of allowing the use of remote base stations. He also pointed out that the new language in 5.1.1.1.d.1 and 13.1.2.1 is not in agreement. The opinion of the subcommittee is to rescind the Board action of June 2008 and stipulate no repeater use for valid ten-ten contacts and harmonize these different definitions and make a single clear statement in the operations manual. Director Ireland made a motion for the definition to appear in 13.1.2.1 as essentially the old one with a few changes:

"A legal 10-10 contact must be a direct, two-way contact exclusively on ten meters, and must consist of the exchange of call sign, 10-10 number, name, date of contact and QTH (state or country). Repeater, Satellite, IRLP or any other similar types of assisted contacts are not allowed. At no time is it acceptable for a 10-10 number to be relayed via a third station or copied from any other source. The QTH is the location of the transmitter and not the location of the operator." Director Farrow seconded the motion. (This discussion was continued after lunch).

At 12:10 PM a break was taken for lunch and the meeting resumed at 1:43 PM.

An additional visitor to the meeting was Ruth Bartholomew, N0KDB, #48715.

After the lunch break the discussion resumed on what is a valid 10-10 contact. After much deliberation on the topic and in light of considerable opposition to the motion, Director Ireland and Director Farrow who seconded withdrew the motion.

A new motion was made by Director Hemby seconded by Vice-President Berger to read as follows: "A legal 10-10 contact must be a direct, two-way contact exclusively on ten meters, and must consist of the exchange of call sign, 10-10 number, name, date of contact and QTH (state or country). At no time is it acceptable for a 10-10 number to be relayed via a third station or copied from any other station. Repeater, Satellite, IRLP or

any other similar types of assisted contacts may only be used for Bar and VP contact awards." The motion carried with Director Ireland voting "no."

Operations Manual Review: Vice-President Berger reported that President Gross stated at last years meeting that he was supposed to separate the Operations Manual headings by Director, but that did not get done as planned. Also each Director through committees would have the approval to make minor changes to the sections without approval of the Board. Any new awards would have to be approved by the Board.

Nomination Committee: Director Ireland reported that the committee received a good number of enquiries, and at the end of the process there were thirteen people that requested forms; ten submitted completed forms and two asked for their forms to be withdrawn, leaving a total of nine members asking to be nominees. The committee agreed to allow all names to stand so for the election. Therefore there are two nominees for President, one for Vice-President, one for Secretary and five for Director. The Committee recommended that the Board consider whether or not they wish to stipulate Board experience as a prerequisite for those wishing to stand for some positions such as President, Vice-President, etc. This will be an agenda item for next year's board meeting. The Nomination Committee completed its duties and everything was turned over to the Secretary to follow up on items for the upcoming election.

New Data Manager: New Data Manager Joe Faria spoke about 10-10 mail being shifted to Connecticut. He also mentioned there is a change in banks from US Bank to Wachovia/Wells Fargo.

Chapter Coordinator/Operations Manual Revisions: Chapter Manager Taylor stated that the following changes needed to be made.

1. Change all references in the entire document from Chapter Committee to Chapter Relations Committee.
2. Change all references to Chapter Manager to read Chapter Coordinator.
3. Section B.1 Delete the word Local after both instances of the word more.
4. Section C. Delete this section in it entirety as it is no longer valid.
5. Change Section Heading D Chapter Privileges to read C Chapter Privileges
6. Change section heading E to D
7. Change first section heading F to E.
8. Add following to section D chapter reporting "These reports may be made via the US Postal Service or via e-mail. For access to the reporting forms, go to the resources and click on it, from the pop-up menu choose Forms. (the forms are on the fourth row)

A motion was made by Director Ireland and seconded by Director Hemby. to have the changes made as presented and to be publicized in the 10-10 News. Motion carried.

2011 Board Meeting:

A motion was made by Director Harmon seconded by Director Farrow to have the convention and Board Meeting in St Louis, MO in 2011.

Director Harmon withdrew his motion until we are able to speak with President Gross by telephone later in the meeting.

Chat Room:

Director Sojka described suggestions made by members in the chat rooms. It was suggested that we have a committee for the internet. It was also suggested that we look into Video Conferencing.

Advertising:

Director Hemby gave his report on advertising. We are advertising in four publications with their cost shown below:

QST	\$173.40/month
CQ	\$135.00/month
World Radio	\$33.00/month

Canadian Amateur He was not sure of the amount..

He contacted QRZ. They have a top banner ad for \$50.00 month.

Has been working with Amateur Outfitters for a web site for 10-10 members to purchase different personalized items (shirts, hats, mugs) In return for him being listed as advertising, 10-10 would receive 15% back for all sales to 10-10 members quarterly.

Director Hemby made a motion seconded by Director Harmon to "Give Amateur Outfitters a trial with a link to the website and remittance of 15% back to 10-10 on profit from sales, with a trial period of one year, with proceeds to 10-10 quarterly. Motion carried..

DX Conditions and Concerns: Director Ireland received a message from a DX member, it was suggested by that member (name unknown) that we have a Director appointed or have a DX as an officer. This could also be done by special invitation to the Board meetings or submit a report to the Board. It was decided to table this issue till a later date.

President Gross had said that he will check into the matter of Henry DL8YBM, as follow up, on the use of his club calls.

A 5 minute break was taken at 3:00 PM with the meeting resuming at 3:05 PM.

At this time a conference call was made to President Gross to discuss some of the issues.

New Business

Convention: The convention would be July 19-24, 2011, with the Board meeting on Wednesday instead of the usual Thursday, giving three days of activities available, and the Sunday would only be a breakfast. If the board wants to change the dates to have the Board Meeting on Thursday, then the contract with the hotel will have to be renegotiated.

Succession Plan: The question was raised that Directors need to have dues paid up before the election. Also, an open item this year, with an action to be put in place at next

years board meeting and put in the bylaws on "How do we elect Officers and Directors and if we need to specify their hands on experience within 10-10 not just by them being a 10-10 member for four years prior to an election for an office, and if we would want a succession plan for a volunteer to be able to move up to director, or director to move up to VP, Secretary to VP, and VP to President."

Presidents Award: President Gross presented the yearly President's Award for outstanding service to 10-10. This year's recipient is Vice-President Larry Berger WA2SUH. Larry has been a ham radio operator since 1961 and a 10-10 member since 1969. He was Area Manager 2 from 1979 to 1997. He became a Director in 1998 and continued in that position until he was appointed to replace K7BOI, Mike Elliot in 2007 and was subsequently elected in 2008.

2011 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Director Kimble seconded by Director Taylor to move the Board meeting back to Thursday at the 2011 convention. Motion carried with Director Harmon opposed..

Then Director Sojka made a motion seconded by Director Hemby to announce that the 2011 convention in St. Louis, MO will be held during the week of July 18-24, with specific dates to be published when the contract is negotiated.. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Schlottman reported that 10-10 has had a positive change in assets since last year. Total current assets are \$66,598 with investments of \$410,000 and the total assets of \$476,598, most of which represents pre-payments of dues from life members and others. The budgets for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 were reviewed. Director Hemby made a motion seconded by Director Taylor for \$1,000.00 to be added to the budget for pre-convention expenses. The motion was defeated.

Director Hemby made a motion seconded by Director Sojka to pay \$150 a month for expenses to new Data Manager Faria starting July 1, 2010. Motion carried.

Director Hemby made a motion seconded by Director Harmon to increase the amount paid to Treasurer Schlottman for expenses from \$150 a month to \$200 a month starting July 1, 2010. Motion carried. This amount has not been raised since 1994 and the Board felt that this is a wise investment.

Secretary Glenn made a motion seconded by Director Sojka to accept the budgets for the year 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 as presented in Treasurer Schlottman's report. Motion carried.

Mobile QSO Parties:

When discussion continued, Director Ireland seconded by Director Sojka moved that the revised rules be approved and that changes to the rules could be made at future Board meetings, if necessary. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Ten-Ten International Foundation Net, Inc.
2010 Board of Directors Meeting
June 19, 2010
St Louis, Missouri

Vice-President Larry Berger WA2SUH, #407 called the 2010 10-10 Scholarship Foundation meeting to order at 5:02 pm at the Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri.

Roll was called by Vice-President Berger. Present were Secretary Sandy Glenn, W7SSG, #74633, Director Mel Sojka, KD5DE, #33513, Director Ken Harmon, K1IEQ, #31363, Director Jack Moore, K5CC, #50708, Director Brad Kimble, K0DBK, #55192, Director Robert Farrow, N6OPR, #45716, Director Rob Ireland, VE9KM, #69811, Director Cliff Taylor, K5FBS, #48461, Director Paul Hemby, WN4AMO, #73825 and Treasurer Keith Schlottman, KR7RK, #63324.

President Gerry Gross, WA6POZ, #21274 was unable to attend due to medical reasons, and General Counsel Dave Splitt, KE3VV, #69831 due to a prior commitment. 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

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

Hearing no objections, the minutes of the 2009 10-10 International Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors meeting held in Orlando, Florida on July 23, 2009, as published in the 10-10 International News, stand approved.

Scholarship Manager Larry Berger gave his report that the goal is to fund four \$1500 scholarships entirely through member donations. In 2009-2010 we had 112 donors and our donations are down from the previous year. During 2009-2010 we received two donations in the memory of Victor Kaiser, W1JWX, #497. He has been sending out thank you letters and special pins. For \$10 donation a donor gets one pin and for \$15 two pins. He handled 28 requests by applicants for a listing of 10-10 members in their area. He made the Board aware that over \$3800 of the \$6409 collected this year came from only four donors. The only expense that were incurred during the year was postage for around \$200. He suggested that for the future the Board consider special thank you's for large donations such as a plaque.

Director Kimble made a motion seconded by Director Sojka recommending that we fund four scholarships at \$1500 each for the next scholarship year. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 budgets. A Motion was made by Director Kimble and seconded by Director Sojka to accept the budgets for the years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. Motion carried with all in favor.

Vice President Berger adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Glenn, W7SSG, Secretary