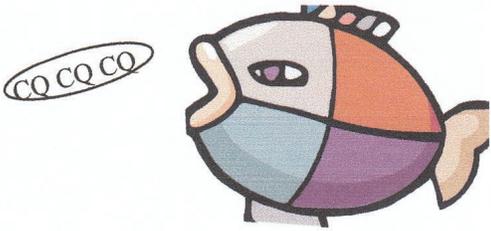


**Let's get together**  
**Thursday, Echolink node 286905**  
**at 7:30 p.m**  
**Friday, 3.812 at 8:30 a.m.**

A cartoon illustration of a fish with a white body, a blue belly, and a purple side. It has a speech bubble coming from its mouth containing the text 'CO CO CO'. The fish is facing left.

**Winter 2020 Newsletter**

**From the Secreatry/Treasurer**

Welcome to the Winter edition of the MINOW Newsletter.

It seemed to me that having only two communications a year was not adequate for our club, so I suggested that we include a winter edition and the Board agreed. This is a bit late, but I hope you find it interesting.

One of the things that your Board has been working on is updating our Constitution. In doing so, we discovered that a club can have a Constitution, ByLaws, or both. After much discussion we decided that ByLaws would make more sense for us. You will find a ballot that allows you to approve or disapprove the ByLaws that have been proposed. You will also find a copy of the proposed ByLaws for your review.

The other project that your Board has worked on is to change the format of our Directory. Several of you have commented on the form factor of our current Directory, so a new Directory is also included. The form factor is 8.5” by 11”, the standard notebook size. This allows us to use a larger typeface, which will be easier to read and you won't have to cut pages to add new or updated pages.

Happy New Year and I hope that 2020 is better for you than 2019 was.

# Board Meeting Minutes

MINOW Meeting Minutes May 4, 2019

## Attendees:

Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI  
Robin Resnick, KJ7BI  
Barbara Yasson, AC7UH  
Shirley Fenstermaker, W7SAF

Kathleen Neubauer, KJ7CXY  
Vanessa McCoy, KE7UBB  
Martha Todd, KI7MEO  
Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB

Meeting called to order by President Vanessa, KE7UBB, at 2:09 p.m., then greeted the attendees.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Since there were no Silent Keys this year, no moment of silence was held.

## Reports:

**President:** It would be nice if more members could attend, but we realize that health and distance can be an issue.

Results of the election. Barbara, AC7UH, reported that 8 ballots were returned and that the votes were overwhelmingly for Vanessa, KE7UBB, as President; Marilyn, AF7MM, as Vice-President; and Margaret, AE7MB, as Secretary/Treasurer.

**Vice President:** Barbara, Margaret, and Marilyn have been working on the rewrite of the Constitution and Marilyn and Barbara went over the changes with Vanessa.

Marilyn is giving up the Sunshine Chair to Claudia Doyle, KL0HI.

Marilyn has changed her call sign to AF7MM.

Marilyn presented the YLRL "Affiliated Club Certificate" to MINOW.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Margaret, AE7MB, presented the Treasurer's Report, which shows that we have \$411.70 in the Savings Account and \$139.77 in the checking account.

A question was asked about what the "Initiation" fee was. The answer is that it covers setting up the new member, her badge, and her first year dues.

A question was asked about what constitutes "Donations". The answer is that it is the silent auction and any additional monies that a member chooses to give to the organization.

Margaret, AE7MB presented the Minutes for the 2018 meeting.

Barbara asked about the cost of the Website. The answer is that last year we paid \$87 for a two year term. The term will be ending around the end of this year.

Barbara, AC7UH moved that we accept the Minutes from the 2018 meeting. Marilyn, AF7MM seconded the motion. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

Robin, KJ7BI, moved that we accept the Treasurer's report, Barbara seconded the motion. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

**Sunshine Chair:** Claudia, KL0HI, is the new Sunshine Chair effective at the end of the meeting.

**Certificate Custodian Report:** No certificates were issued this year.

**Badgemaker Report:** No report.

**Membership Report:** We currently have members. Katie is newest member, also Barbara Roberts, KI7BR; and Alina, KI7ZRG. Kathleen, KJ7CXY, noted that her email address is incorrect in the member directory. Margaret, AE7MB, will fix it before publishing the new directory page.

**Nets:** Thursday evening Echolink net is active and has 3 to 6 participants.

Friday morning HF net is active and has 2 to 4 participants.

**Web Mistress Report:** No report.

**Communications:** No report.

**Old Business:** We noted how nice the website looks. Kudos to CJ.

### **New Business:**

The Constitution rewrite:

Marilyn, AF7MM; Barbara, AC7UH; and Margaret, AE7MB, spent quite a bit of time over the prior year educating ourselves on Constitutions and Bylaws and going over our current Constitution. We have concluded that a Bylaws document is a better choice for our organization.

Margaret, AE7MB, feels that this is such an important project that everyone should have a chance to vote, not just those members who are able to come to the meeting. She proposes that a third newsletter be issued in late summer and have the ballot to approve the new Bylaws appear in that.

Discussion continued until everyone understood the new document and understood the reasons for the new document.

New Badge design:

Marilyn, AF7MM, suggested that we should update the name badges. She feels that the MI-NOW design is a bit dated. A long discussion ensued.

Suggestions included:

Have Gary Takis, K7GJT, make them

Have a design competition similar to the annual SeaPac pin.

Blueback submarine at OMSI:

Marilyn, AF7MM, thought it would be fun to visit and possibly transmit. She will get back to us

Membership Directory:

Margaret asked if we wanted to continue the 4"x6" format or change to a 8.5"x11" format. A vote was taken and it was unanimous to change to 8.5"x11".

Next luncheon date: September 28 at 11:30 a.m. at Applebee's in Salmon Creek.

**Next Year's Invitation:** Next year's meeting will be Saturday May 2 at 1:30 pm. Barbara, AC7UH, volunteered to hold the meeting at her house.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. A gift exchange and silent auction occurred after the meeting.

A gift exchange and silent auction was held

# MINOW FINANCIAL REPORT

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2018-2019

Umpqua Bank

Meeting May 4, 2019

|                  |                               |        |         |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Checking Account | Beginning Balance             |        | \$93.43 |
| Income:          |                               |        |         |
|                  | Donations                     | 67.00  |         |
|                  | Dues                          | 26.00  |         |
|                  | Initiation                    | 25.00  |         |
|                  | Total Income                  |        | 118.00  |
| Expenses:        |                               |        |         |
|                  | Postage                       | -38.10 |         |
|                  | YLRL Dues (2 DX mem-<br>bers) | -30.00 |         |
|                  | Mailing Supplies              | -3.56  |         |
|                  | Total Expenses                |        | -71.66  |
| Ending Balance   |                               |        | 139.77  |
| Savings Account  | Beginning Balance             |        | 411.66  |
| Income:          | Interest Income               | 0.04   |         |
| Ending Balance   |                               |        | 411.70  |

|           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Savings:  | \$411.70        |
| Checking: | <u>139.77</u>   |
| Total:    | <u>\$551.47</u> |

Margaret Hardwick,  
AE7MB

# MINOW BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: The name of this organization shall be the MINOW NET.

## ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

- To advance the knowledge, both locally and nationally, of the contributions provided by Women Amateur Radio Operators in the science of communications and good will.
- To provide communications facilities in the event of emergencies and to coordinate such services with the existing governmental or private facilities.
- To promote friendship for the purpose of wider scope participation.

## ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Officers shall be President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. The three Officers, along with the immediate Past President, Permanent Certificate Custodian and MINOW NET Control, will constitute the "Executive Committee". The Past President is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. A simple majority will suffice.

## ARTICLE IV: ELECTIONS

- A Nominating Committee, consisting of two members, who are not planning to run for elective office, shall be created by the President at least nine (9) months before the next election of officers.
- Elections of officers shall be conducted by mail or e-mail, every two (2) years in April, by the Secretary. Ballots shall be returned directly to the "Nominating Committee", not to the Secretary. Officers elected will serve two (2) full calendar years beginning May first. In the event of a vacancy, the President shall appoint an *Active* Member to fill the vacated position for the balance of the term. There shall be no limit on the number of terms which may be served by any one member, but occupancy of the Offices of President and Vice President shall be limited to two consecutive terms.

## ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- The President shall be responsible for MINOW NET activities including appointment of MINOW NET Control and setting up MINOW NET meeting times and frequencies. She shall also be responsible for filling vacated committee positions by appointment, shall appoint standing or interim committees as the need may arise, and shall preside at all official meetings and/or conventions of the MINOW NET.
- The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in her absence. She will assist the President and handle work not otherwise assigned. She shall also be Historian for her term of office.
- The Secretary/Treasurer is authorized to collect and hold all monies coming to the MINOW

NET such as entry fees, dues, donations, and so forth. She is authorized to expend whatever funds are required to handle normal and routine MINOW NET business and to pay out funds authorized by the Executive Committee. The Secretary/Treasurer shall furnish a financial report annually on April 30, to the President, or at any time requested by the Executive Committee.

The Certificate Custodian is authorized to collect all Certificate Fees and disperse such Certificates in an economical manner. She shall also keep a complete record of MINOW certificates awarded. The Certificate Custodian shall file with the Secretary/Treasurer a financial statement on November 1 and April 30th each year, or at any time requested by the Secretary/Treasurer.

A Publicity Chairman shall be appointed by the President. The Publicity Chairman shall be responsible for MINOW NET publicity particularly with "QST", "YLRL Harmonics", and other venues, including the internet, as she deems appropriate.

A Web Mistress shall be appointed by the President. The Web Mistress shall be responsible for the MINOW NET's website including administration and content.

A Net Control shall be appointed by the President. The Net Control will be responsible for initiating net operations, maintain order, direct the net activities, and then terminate net operations in an orderly way. She may appoint a member to fulfill these requirements on an interim basis.

All officers shall serve without compensation in any form. This shall not preclude reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred in the conduct of their respective offices and approved by the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

Active membership shall be open to all bona-fide YL's of the 7th Call Area who hold an Amateur License of any class.

Associate membership may be extended to Active members leaving the 7th Call Area who wish to pay dues and maintain their membership.

Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person with approval of the majority of MINOW NET officers.

Voting privileges shall be retained by Active Members only. Active members may vote in absentia.

#### ARTICLE VII: DUES and FEES

The Annual Dues shall be payable May 1 and delinquent June 1, each year.

An Initiation Fee shall be assessed when a member first joins the MINOW NET.

The Executive Committee shall set the amount of Initiation Fees and Annual Dues. Any changes in the Initiation Fee, Annual Dues, or Prepayment Policy shall be presented to the membership for a vote by a mail or e-mail ballot. A simple majority of voters, who voted, shall be needed to pass the proposed change(s). Ballots shall be returned to the Vice-President.

Results of the balloting shall appear in the next issue of the MINOW Newsletter.

## ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Amendments or additions to these BYLAWS must be proposed in writing to the Executive Committee by at least three (3) ACTIVE members.

Proposals received will be submitted to the ACTIVE Membership for vote and a majority affirmative vote is required to make any amendments and additions to the BYLAWS.

## ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

The President shall call an Annual Meeting in May of each year prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

The date, time, and place of this meeting shall be sent to all members via e-mail or mail at least 28 days prior to the meeting.

The purpose of this meeting will be to install any newly elected officers, bring members up-to-date on activities, and provide fellowship.

The meeting immediately after the election of officers shall be presided by the out-going President.

## ARTICLE X: AWARDS

The MINOW NET shall sponsor a Certificate for working MINOW NET members. Rules and certification of this award shall be determined by the AWARD Committee under the office of the first AWARD chairman and her committee appointed by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE XI: CHARTER MEMBERS

All active and associate Members on record as of September 1, 1963 shall be Charter Members of the MINOW NET.

**Approved by the membership on:**

## Member News

**From Rose, KL7FQQ:** It was another rainy day in South Texas. Our temperature hovered around 65 most of the day, and it seemed to be a pretty steady rain. The newspaper said we could expect anywhere from 1 1/2 inches to 2 1/2 inches. They were probably right. So, I stayed indoors and mostly napped. I was trying to do some proofreading after I'd finished my e's yesterday morning and kept getting so sleepy, I finally shut off the computer and went back to bed. It was at 7 a.m. I woke myself with some strange dreams and was just lying there thinking I should get moving when Sue called. She was feeling a whole lot better, which was great. We visited for a while, then she abandoned me, so I did have to get moving. After breakfast, I spent some time sending out electronic Christmas letters. That turned into rather a disaster, but at least some people got them and were able to open them. It was just a scaled-back version of my Christmas Card. And, I heard back from some that I hadn't heard from since last Christmas. It is good to keep in touch!

It was pretty dark and gloomy, and I decided after lunch that it was a good day for another nap, so there I was, snoring away again. I had a delightful nap with no dreams. I had just gotten up and was catching up on my e's when Henry texted and asked if I'd like to play cribbage. So, I said sure. He came down in the car, we drove down to check the mail for both of us, then back to my house, and played several games. He was mostly very nice to me. Thanks, Henry!

He headed home, I had my dinner and started watching one of those Hallmark Christmas shows, and then it was time to go to the live nativity scene. So, Henry picked me up, and we were off...but, there was no nativity. I guess the rain kept them from setting it up. It was supposed to be last night and tonight. Well, it has quit raining, so maybe they'll be able to do it for tonight. Seems to me like we had a similar experience last year! Anyway, we saw some neat lights as we drove around, came home, and I finished the show before time to head for bed. And, I had a good night again. Our temperature is starting at 52 this morning, but it is supposed to be a delightfully sunny day.

I am happy you could open my card. I really do have a lovely and loving family. I am blessed! Thanks for the Christmas greetings, I sure hope you have a super one yourself. And, a wonderful 2020.

I hope you have a Sparkling, Sprightly and Stratospheric Sunday. Love, Rose

**MINOW Net**  
**Ballot for Replacement of Constitution with ByLaws**

The proposed ByLaws are listed on pages 5 through 7 of this newsletter. The existing Constitution is in your MINOW directory. The proposed replacement is recommended by the current Board of Directors.

I vote YES to replace the Constitution with the ByLaws.

I vote NO to replace the Constitution with the ByLaws.

**SIGNATURE AND CALL SIGN**

Email to: [katie@visionos.com](mailto:katie@visionos.com)

Ballots are due by February 4,  
2020.