OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2022

A recording of the membership meeting is posted on the OCRA YouTube Channel. The link for the recording is – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhkdNjbEex8&t=3954s

All items summarized below (except Dee’s update on Field Day meal plans) are included in the recording. For details of these topics, please listen to the recording. The items listed below are intended only as summary points.

Check-ins (18) – In-Person and Via Zoom

Dave (W4SAR), Dee (KU4GC), Bob (W4FK), Karen (KG4YJZ), Sherri (WB4OSU), Paul (N2XZF), Dave (NA4VY), Dan (KR4UB), Mark (KR3AM), Laurie (N1YXU), Bob (KD8FQM), Bill (N4JHH), Bill (KI4RAN), JR (N4JQR), Eldon (KO4UFU), Doug (KA5ETS), Steve (W3AHL), and Bruce (N1LN)

Meeting Comments

• Prior to the official kickoff of the meeting, Dee gave an update regarding the Field Day meals plans.
• Bruce started the meeting by indicating this was the first in-person OCRA membership meeting in over two years!
• Many thanks to Dan and Mark for their work in helping us continue to meet on Zoom and on UHF since February 2020!

OCRA/DFMA Field Day

• Dave (W4SAR) provided an overall update for the joint OCRA/DFMA 2022 Field Day Operation.
• Each band captain (or designee) gave a status update his team’s station. The focus included areas that have been addressed and open items.
• Bruce (N1LN) and Laurie (N1YXU) gave a presentation with recommendations and examples of how to make contacts under two scenarios. The first scenario is “searching and pouncing” to make contacts with stations calling CQ and running. The second scenario is calling CQ and running. This is especially important for this year’s operation since the stations will be running 100 watts and will be able to be heard!
• Questions were addressed from those in attendance.

July Meeting

• The July 11 OCRA Membership Meeting will be held at the Efland Baha’i Center. The meeting will also be conducted on Zoom; however, in-person attendance is highly encouraged since information presented at the meeting will be detailed and difficult to view over Zoom. A recording of the meeting will be posted to the OCRA YouTube Channel following the meeting.
• The main focus of the meeting will be a Tri-County Repeater Analysis which will be led by Dan (KR4UB) and Bruce (N1LN).

Additional Comments

• Net Control operators are needed for the Saturday morning AUXCOMM nets. Please volunteer to be a net control operator! If you would like to review net control (and backup net control) training, go to the OCRA YouTube channel to see the related videos. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyW4G022P1bphYHFZ78ONQ
• If you would like to deliver a program or presentation at an upcoming meeting – or – if you have an idea or suggestion for a program, please contact either Bill (N8BR) or John (KX4P).

Respectfully submitted,
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