

OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2023

Meeting Attendees (Total of 26 in-person and on Zoom) – Dee (KU4GC), Chris (KY4OU), Ben (KO4BHX), John (N4SJV), Sam (KJ4VWG), Dave (NA4VY), Pete (N4KW), Greg (KE8NNJ), Ken (KO4DHJ), Ryan (N7RYN), JR (N4JQR), Doug (KA5ETS), Bob (W4FK), Paul (N0US), Paul (N2XZF), Boyd (KO4GJO), Tim (KC1TWR), Laurie (N1YXU), Bruce (N1LN), Dan (KR4UB), Mark (KR3AM), Aurora (KN4VXB), John (KX4P), Bill (N8BR), Randy (KF4O), and Wilson (W4BOH).

Opening Comments – Bruce (N1LN)

- The Christmas Party will be held on December 11. The format will be similar to last year's party. Those who will be attending will bring a dish to pass. The cost per person is \$10, as it was last year. Please be sure to read the emails that Laurie has sent with further information. You can sign-up and pay at the October and November Membership Meetings. Payment can also be sent to the club's post office box, details are in the email sent to the reflector. You can also send Laurie an email indicating that you will be attending and what type of dish you will bring. We have already had several people sign-up!
- One of the topics planned for discussion at the November Membership Meeting will be the club's upcoming January election. If you are interested in being part of the board or learning more about what the different officers and board members at-large do, any/all members of the board would love to talk with you! Our club is strongest when we have several people participating, providing new ideas and skills, and approaching topics in different ways. To help ensure that we have the ability to effectively transition roles, when needed, the current board recommends that we have some assistant roles established. For example, if a member were interested in becoming the Treasurer, he/she would work with Dan for a period of time to learn more about the role and responsibilities of the Treasurer before transitioning into the role.

A Ham Pi Project – Ben Williams (KO4BHX)

- To view the recording of Ben's presentation, please see the video that is posted on the OCRA YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-QDL6nH2R0>
- Ben's presentation starts at the 10:00 minute mark of the video.

Officers Reports

- Treasurer's Report – Dan (KR4UB)
 - Dan invited the members to check the status of their dues by referencing hardcopy information he had available. As a reminder, a personalized status of dues is also included in the email which is sent reminding members about the upcoming club meeting.

- Thank you to Wilson (W4BOH) for the work he did to sell radio related equipment from an estate and the resulting recent club donation of \$400.
- Thank you also to Steve (W3AHL) for his club donation of \$600 as he cleaned out his house in preparation to relocate and was able to sell radio related equipment.
- More broadly, a huge thank you to Steve (W3AHL) for his continued support of OCRA over the last several years. He will be sorely missed. Hopefully, we will keep in touch and see him again at a radio or social event in the future.
- Aurora (KN4VXB) –
 - If the weather permits, the next Ham Pi meeting will focus on satellites. If you were inspired by Ben's presentation, bring some yagis and HTs to try out equipment. The meeting will be held at Gold Park in Hillsborough on Saturday, October 21, at 1:30.
- Chris (KY4OU) –
 - There definitely is a need for more people to serve on the board.
 - If you have any interest in furthering our hobby and serving our club, please let any board member know. Whatever your interests and passions are, your talents can be used!

Open Discussion - All

- Ken (KO4DHJ) – The cost of publicizing our club in local church bulletins would be cost prohibitive. [Thank you, Ken, for the initial suggestion of this type of publicity and for following up to find the detailed cost information.]
- The next membership meeting will be held on Monday, November 13.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Meier, N1YXU
OCRA Secretary