

OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2023

Meeting Attendees (Total of 32 in-person and on Zoom) – Dee (KU4GC), Chris (KY4OU), Paul (N2XZF), Boyd (KO4GJO), Pete (N4KW), John (KX4P), Bob (W4FK), Bill (N8BR), Laurie (N1YXU), Bruce (N1LN), Dan (KR4UB), Ken (KO4DHJ), Ben (KO4BHX), Sam (KJ4VWG), Wilson (W4BOH), Charlie (KD4UCZ), Mark (KR3AM), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Randy (KF4O), Barry (K2IX), Brian (K4BMW), Patrick (KO4QLU), Niko (N4IKO), Dave (NA4VY), Roger (N4GF), JR (N4JQR), Kathy (KN4JYP), Calvin (KW4JY), Sherri (WB4OSU), Aurora (KN4VXB), Charles (KY4HU)

Opening Comments – Bruce (N1LN)

- Welcome to two new members – Patrick (KO4QLU) and Niko (N4IKO)

Election of 2023 OCRA Officers and Board Members – Dee (KU4GC)

- Bruce thanked Dee for overseeing the nomination process for the election!
- By a unanimous approval, the following OCRA members were elected/re-elected to serve as officers and directors for 2023.
 - President – Bruce Meier, N1LN
 - Vice-President – Bill Bischoff, N8BR
 - Treasurer – Dan Eddleman, KR4UB
 - Secretary – Laurie Meier, N1YXU
 - Director – Dee Ramm, KU4GC
 - Director – Wilson Lamb, W4BOH
 - Director – Karen Snyder, KD4YJZ
 - Director – Chris Ferrer, KY4OU
 - Director – Aurora Teonnisson, KN4VXB *
 - Director – John Green, KX4P *

[* Serving second year of two-year term. Not up for re-election.]

- Congratulations to the members who have been elected/re-elected.

Show and Tell Presentations

- There were a total of five Show and Tell presentations. The presentations themselves were delivered in a hybrid fashion. This means that three of the presentations were given by members who were attending the meeting in-person, and two presentations were given by members who were attending the meeting remotely through Zoom. Prior to the meeting, slides and other materials were collected and consolidated into a single presentation to allow a seamless process for all information to be shared with all members.
- The five presentations included –
 - Birth of a Ham Radio Station – Boyd (KO4GJO)

- Building a Word Clock – Mark (KR3AM)
- Reconditioning a Millen VFO from 1941 QST – Wilson (W4BOH)
- A POTA Portable Antenna – Roger (N4GF)
- Streaming – Randy (KF4O)
- To view the recording of all five Show and Tell presentations, please see the video that is posted on the OCRA YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sP5lbnLr1I&t=2755s>

Closing Comments – Bruce (N1LN)

- Thank you to everyone who presented as part of the Show and Tell in tonight’s meeting. One of the goals of 2023 is to have more members participate in membership meetings.
- Mike Thorn (KN4ZHP) will be presenting at the OCRA February Membership Meeting. Mike is a member of OCRA and also the Chatham County amateur radio club which works very actively with the Chatham County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). He will discuss services that the Chatham EOC looks to the Chatham County amateur radio operators to provide, and how the amateur radio operators provide the services. Mike will give us background in how the relationship with the EOC was developed, what type of training has been completed, and how the EOC and radio operators work together.
- OCRA will be working to rebuild our relationship with the Orange County EOC. Recently, several OCRA members participated in and completed a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training with the Orange County EOC.
- As we get further into the year, we will also learn about the software applications that are used by the EOCs in emergency communications.

Preliminary 2022 Field Day Results – Dave (W4SAR)

- In the past, Field Day results have been provided by the ARRL in a summary fashion that easily allowed clubs and individuals to quickly find their results and how they compared to others. Summary information is no longer provided in the contest database. As a result, in order to determine the total points for OCRA/DFMA, it was necessary for Dave to download the information from a PDF file, go through all the entries with the search function, and add the OCRA/DFMA flagged scores to get a total.
- Dave shared two preliminary scores which will need to be validated.
 - First – The point total for the Field Day site itself was 4,898. This is lower when compared to prior years; however, it is important to remember that in 2022 we operated with a 100 watts maximum. That power level allows for a multiplier of 2 for each contact. Our rationale was to ensure that newer hams would have a positive Field Day experience and a more likely chance of making contacts. Before 2022, our Field Day operations were QRP which allowed for a multiplier

of 5 for each contact. The Field Day site results rank as #6 for North Carolina out of a total of about 120 stations.

- Second – The club aggregate score was 16,034. The club aggregate score includes the Field Day site and all logs that were submitted noting affiliation with OCRA/DFMA. There were twelve logs submitted with the affiliation. The club aggregate results rank as #1 in North Carolina. There were no clubs that had as many as twelve logs submitted. From a national perspective, the club aggregate results rank as #13.
- Dave will validate the information that he shared and provide an updated, final report of Field Day at an upcoming meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Meier, N1YXU
OCRA Secretary