

## **OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2022**

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**Meeting Attendees** (Total of 22 in-person and on Zoom) – Dee (KU4GC), Chris (KY4OU), Randy (KF4O), Jose (KD4JWF), Paul (N2XZF), Dave (NA4VY), Boyd (KO4GJO), Pete (N4KW), John (KX4P), Bob (W4FK), Bill (N8BR), Laurie (N1YXU), Bruce (N1LN), Dan (KR4UB), Joe (N4JHH), John (KQ4DCE), Ken (KO4DHJ), Doug (KA5ETS), Ben (KO4BHX), Sam (KJ4VWG), Fred (KN4QBZ), John (K9EL), and Mark (WC3W)

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### **Meeting Topics –**

- **Opening Comments – Bruce (N1LN)**

- The bands are getting better. For HF folks, 10 and 15 meters are very active. Recently, the frequency for the Monday night 10 meter net has needed to move slightly due to a more crowded band. Usually, the net is on 28.450 Mhz. If you don't find the net there at 8pm on Mondays, be sure to check up and down about 5 Khz, depending on QRM.
- Thank you to Karen (KD4YJZ) and Dave (W4SAR) for making sure that we had access to the building tonight for the meeting. They are out of town but made sure we were able to use the facility.

- **Christmas Party Update – Laurie (N1YXU)**

- A "Save the Date" email was sent to the reflector to remind folks to mark their calendars for the Christmas party which will be held on Monday, December 12, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. The location for the party is Union Grove Methodist Church in Hillsborough.
- A sign-up sheet was available at the meeting. Many attendees signed up and indicated the dish they will bring to share.
- The Christmas Party committee has been meeting and has some very fun things planned for the event. More information to come a bit later!
- Your RSVP and payment for the party are requested by Monday, November 21. The cost per person is \$10. You can pay (cash or check) at either the October or November membership meeting. If you don't plan on attending either meeting, please send an email to [lbmeier@bellsouth.net](mailto:lbmeier@bellsouth.net) indicating how many people will attend and the dish you will bring to share. You should follow-up by sending your payment (check made payable to Orange County Radio Amateurs) to Orange County Radio Amateurs, P.O. Box 294, Carrboro, NC 27510.
- One thing to share with the significant others in your lives who may not be licensed – The party will be focused beyond radio related activities (maybe with a little radio talk sprinkled in). It will be fun for all who attend!

- **Presentation – DX Marathon (Bill)** – To see the video recording of this presentation, please use the following link - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zM4\\_YXAY8CY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zM4_YXAY8CY)
  
- **Officers Reports**
  - **President’s Report (Bruce)** –
    - Special thanks to the twelve people who volunteered to be net control for the hurricane net that we had in response to the request from the Orange County Emergency Operations Center. The net was quickly pulled together and supported both Orange and Chatham counties. This was a truly great demonstration of how we can collectively come together and support our local EOCs. Also thanks to everyone who called into the net and provided reports. Hopefully, you saw the recognition and thank you notes that we received from both Orange and Chatham County EOC management which were posted on the OCRA/DFMA reflector.
    - Those who are interested can start taking the FEMA courses – ICS100, ICS200, ICS700, and ICS800. These are the core required courses for those who would like to become more involved in supporting emergency responses with our local EOCs. The courses ensure that common terms and processes are understood to streamline communications in case of emergencies. Bruce will follow-up with an email to the reflector that will include links to each of these courses.
    - Early in 2023, there will be presentations at the OCRA meetings related to the Chatham amateur radio club and their affiliation with the Chatham EOC. We will be able to learn from this information as we continue to build our relationship with the Orange County EOC. We will also have a presentation focused on WinLink communications.
    - The election of OCRA officers for 2023 will be coming up shortly. The offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary will be on the ballot. There will also be three open director positions on the ballot. Directors serve a two-year term, and three of the directors have expiring terms at the end of this year.
  - **Treasurer’s Report (Dan)** –
    - Thank you to the membership for the tremendous support related to the recent increase in annual dues. The response in terms of members renewing and paying dues has been extraordinary. We have 106 members with current dues and one member who needs to renew.
    - Dave (NA4VY) received some equipment from one of our former members, and with the help of John (KX4P) and Wilson (W4BOH), inventoried and cleaned up the components. They were able to find a buyer for the

equipment and netted the club proceeds of \$925. Sincere thanks to Dave, John, and Wilson!

- Secretary's Report (Laurie) –
  - Please help the Christmas Party committee by getting the word out about the upcoming party.

- **Additional Items**

- Thank you to Mary (Pete's wife) for providing the delicious brownies for the meeting!

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Meier, N1YXU  
OCRA Secretary