

## OCRA Board Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2025

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**Board Meeting Attendees** – Bruce (N1LN), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Ron (KO4RON), Boyd (KO4GJO), Wilson (W4BOH), Randy (KF4O), and Laurie (N1YXU)

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With the addition of the comment regarding Dave's (W4SAR) sales at RARSFest and after and the proceeds from the sales, the minutes from the OCRA April 14 Membership Meeting were approved. Minutes from the March 25 OCRA BOD Meeting were approved.

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### Discussion Topics:

- Succession Planning
  - The schedule for the presentations was reviewed.
  - The feedback from the two presentations at the April Membership Meeting was positive. As a result, the current schedule will continue to be followed.
  - That means two presentations will be given at the May Membership Meeting. John Weldon (N4SJW) will review the Repeater Team Lead role. Bruce will review the role of the President.
- Quarterly Treasurer's Update
  - Ron reviewed the club's financials through March. As customary, the details of the financials will not be shared in these minutes since they will be shared on the OCRA website.
  - If you have questions regarding the club's financials, please contact Ron directly.
- Christmas Party
  - The folks who previously served on the Christmas Party Planning Committee (Patti Bischoff, Jean Eddleman, and Laurie Meier) will not be on the committee this year. That means a new committee will need to be put together. As Vice President, Boyd, will be the overall leader of the event.
  - The Union Grove United Methodist Church will be the location of the party again this year, assuming the facility is available on Monday, December 8. Laurie will follow-up with the pastor to find out if the church is available and confirm that the club can use the facility.
  - Boyd and Laurie will meet to discuss the general planning process and timeline for the Christmas Party.
- Membership Meeting Programs
  - May Membership Meeting -
    - Generator Safety - Boyd
    - Field Day Introduction – Dave
    - Succession Planning – John (N4SJW) and Bruce
    - Q1 Treasurer's Report – Ron
- Training – Next Steps

- To tie-in training that has taken place on the Saturday nets and Field Day, Dave will research what type of messages (traffic handling bonus points) can be passed during Field Day.
- Bruce volunteered to look around for radio based emergency communications training topics that might be able to be incorporated into the Saturday nets.
- After significant discussion regarding potential training scenarios, the recommendation was –
  - At the next Saturday net, introduce the potential of having a simulated deployment on the repeater for an upcoming training and ask for feedback to determine how many people would be interested in participating. Bruce took the action item to describe how the exercise would be structured as the training section of the Saturday net.
  - If there is a good response, additional training exercises would be put together both on the repeater and at local sites.
  - As the conversation continued, the decision was made to focus the initial exercise as a bike ride to tie the activity to true opportunities to volunteer to support communications for an event. The exercise will be modified to the number of folks who voice interest.
- Open Discussion
  - Ron agreed to write a draft letter that would be sent to members who have neglected to acknowledge their agreement to club's Repeater Code of Conduct. The draft will be sent to the Board members for their review.
  - Ron and Laurie agreed to review the club's ByLaws. They have until the end of May to put together the first pass draft update to be reviewed by the Board.
  - Ron and Bruce will go to the bank which has the club's accounts to ensure all signatory updates have been made for the Treasurer and President.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Laurie Meier, N1YXU  
 OCRA Secretary