

OCRA Board Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2024

Board Meeting Attendees – Bruce (N1LN), Dan (KR4UB), Dee (KU4GC), Fred (KN4QBZ), Ron (KO4RON), Boyd (KO4GJO), John (NX4P), Aurora (KN4VXB), and Laurie (N1YXU)

The minutes from the OCRA April Board meeting and OCRA May Membership meeting were approved.

Discussion Topics:

- Upcoming OCRA Membership Meeting Programs
 - June – Dave (W4SAR) will have the full meeting since the focus will be on final Field Day planning
 - July – There will be two programs –
 - Dave (W4SAR) will give a brief update report from Field Day (10 – 15 minutes)
 - Mike (KN4ZHP) will give a presentation related to Air Force Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS). He will have approximately an hour for the program.
 - August – There will be two programs –
 - Randy (KF4O) will give a “show and tell” of a ham radio clock that he built (10 – 15 minutes)
 - Aurora will lead a discussion regarding the Outreach efforts of OCRA. In addition to giving an update of considered activities, she will have a “show and tell”, and will lead a brainstorming session to solicit ideas from the membership. This discussion will have up to an hour of the meeting, if needed.
 - September – Dan and John (N4SJW) will give an update regarding the work that has been completed (and is planned) for the local, linked repeaters. They will focus on how our members will benefit from the linked repeater capabilities, the standards and procedures that should be followed, and additional helpful information.
 - October – Well prior to the October meeting, John (NX4P) will follow-up with Dave Cisco (W4AXL) and Russ McGuire (KU4UK) to confirm a presentation related to low-budget DX operations. They would provide the presentation remotely via Zoom. John talked with Dave and Russ at the recent Dayton Hamvention. This program would be a great overview and introduction to many of our newer members to help them get into DXing if that is a goal or of interest.
 - November – While this timeframe is months away, the idea for a program related to remote amateur radio operations and/or operating Parks on the Air (POTA) stations. This program needs further discussion and development.
 - December – As is our annual tradition, this “meeting” will be our holiday/Christmas party.

- Summer Meeting Schedule – All
 - Note: Unless specified, the assumption is that Board Members will attend monthly BOD meetings. Also, unless specified, the assumption is that the monthly OCRA Membership Meetings will be conducted as normal.
 - June – Comments below relate to the June 10 Membership meeting.
 - Bruce and Laurie will attend the meeting remotely.
 - Bruce will deliver the badges for the members to Dan to ensure there are available at the meeting.
 - As usual, Bruce will send the Zoom meeting invitation information to the reflector, and Laurie will initiate the start of the Zoom call.
 - Bruce will lead the meeting via Zoom.
 - Laurie will make Dan the Zoom meeting co-host. If Laurie drops off the meeting due to any connectivity issues, Dan will be able to take over hosting and ensure the cloud recording continues.
 - Each month, the tripod camera at the membership meeting is physically moved to either capture everyone as they introduce themselves or moved to make sure the presenter is in the recorded video. Someone will need to ensure the camera is moved appropriately during the meeting.
 - Laurie will edit and ensure the meeting video is posted to the OCRA YouTube channel.
 - July –
 - Dave and Karen will be out of town for the July 23 BOD Meeting.
 - August –
 - Bruce and Laurie will not be able to attend the August 12 Membership Meeting. Boyd will run the meeting. Since Aurora will be one of the presenters, she proposed using her laptop as the main source for the meeting. The overall plan for the August Membership Meeting will be discussed at the July BOD meeting since we will have information from the June Membership Meeting to use as a basis of discussion.
 - Bruce and Laurie will not be able to attend the August 27 BOD Meeting. A discussion was started about options for this meeting – (1) someone else hosting and leading or (2) cancelling the meeting. This topic will be discussed at the June 25 BOD Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
 Laurie Meier, N1YXU
 OCRA Secretary