

OCRA Board Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2024

Board Meeting Attendees – Bruce (N1LN), Dan (KR4UB), Dee (KU4GC), Fred (KN4QBZ), Boyd (KO4GJO), Aurora (KN4VXB), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Bob (W4FK), Wilson (W4BOH), and Laurie (N1YXU)

The minutes from the OCRA July Board meeting, OCRA August Membership meeting, and OCRA September Membership meeting were approved.

Discussion Topics:

- **Next Steps for the Outreach Program – Aurora**
 - Recently, a meeting was held with a group that expressed interest in focusing on outreach activities for the club.
 - The group recommended that two events are planned each year – one in the Spring and one in the Fall.
 - Aurora is in contact with representatives from the Eno River State Park to get permission to have a Parks on the Air (POTA) event at the state park. Bob gave Aurora contact information that he used to organize a recent DFMA/OCRA picnic at the state park.
 - Bruce asked to be added to the distribution list for the Outreach group's communications.

- **Coastal Credit Union CD – Dan**
 - After a discussion regarding the current rates and duration of the Coastal Credit Union CDs, the Board decided to add \$4,000 to our current CD which is maturing. We will renew the new CD amount for 6 months.
 - The Board is comfortable that, barring any unforeseen major issues, accessible cash funds in our bank accounts will cover expected expenses.

- **Meeting Minutes – Laurie**
 - It is important that meeting minutes from past BOD and Membership meetings are easily accessible.
 - After different ideas and recommendations were made, it was decided that the best option is to save the minutes on a Google Drive.
 - Laurie took the action item to save the minutes and let everyone know how to access them. Aurora offered to help if Laurie needs assistance.

- Upcoming January Elections – All
 - Many officers and board members have terms that will expire in December, and several have indicated they do not want to run again in 2025.
 - Note that Bob will have one more year in his two-year term as a board member. Also note that Aurora agreed to continue serving on the board and focusing on the Outreach Program.
 - To continue the work and organization that has been built for our club over the last several years, it is critical that we have folks serve as officers and board members who truly are invested in the continued success of the club.
 - For those who will not be continuing in their current roles, they agreed to think about who in the club might be good candidates for their current roles. The names of these folks should be sent to Bruce. It will be very important to review the list and approach potential candidates quickly to assess their interest in serving. The 2025 election will take place at the January membership meeting.

- Status of the Dues Renewal Letter – Bruce/Dan
 - Many thanks to Ron for his work in putting together a well written reminder to members who have not renewed their membership dues in a timely fashion.
 - Based on the number of recent renewals, it is evident that the communication is effective.

- Upcoming Programs
 - October – Repeater Update (Bruce)
 - Frequency and Memory Mapping (IC217/IC205)
 - Repeater Linking (AllStar)
 - November – Radio History and Antique Radios (Wilson)
 - December – Christmas Party
 - Note: There is a new pastor at Union Grove Methodist Church
 - Laurie will follow up with her to determine if we can use the facility for the Christmas party. If so, Monday, December 9, will be requested.

- Donated Radios and Equipment – Dave
 - Radios and equipment have been donated by Milt Forsyth and Dick Boynton.
 - There are some larger items (e.g. FT2000, ICOM 706) and smaller items (e.g. keys, HTs, power supplies) that are included. Some items are still in their original boxes.
 - Dave will put together an inventory. The radios and equipment could be used by the club/club members (if appropriate) or sold.

- A suggestion was made that an upcoming club event could be testing the equipment after it has been inventoried. This could be a good educational event for some of the newer members of the club.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Meier, N1YXU
OCRA Secretary