

OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2025

Meeting Attendees (Total of 29 in-person and on Zoom) – Bob (W4FK), Dave (W4SAR), Paul (N2XZF), Boyd (KO4GJO), Laurie (N1YXU), Bruce (N1LN), Dan (KR4UB), Matthew (KQ4ZYW), JR (N4JQR), Ken (KO4DHJ), Chip (KF4WBK), Dave (K4DJW), Jay (KM4IRF), Clain (KE4CA), Juan (KR4EQW), Sherri (WB4OSU), Randy (KF4O), Ron (KO4RON), Fred (KN4QBZ), Arash (KR4GOJ), Jerry (KR4NJ), Janice (KQ4ZGL), Charles (KQ4TNF), Mark (KR3AM), Dave (NA4VY), Sam (KJ4VWG), Joe (K4SAR), John (KM4MDR), and Wilson (W4BOH).

Meeting Topics –

- Opening Comments – Bruce
 - Rather than focusing on a program as the main topic for the meeting, this month's meeting is a business meeting with several topics.
 - Please note that these minutes and the video posted to YouTube will not include information about the financial update provided by Ron (KO4RON), OCRA Treasurer. Those who attended the meeting heard the update. For others, if you have questions, please direct them to Ron.
- Christmas Party Update – Boyd
 - The Christmas party will be held on Monday, December 8 (in lieu of the monthly membership meeting) from 6:00 to 8:30pm. The location for the party is Union Grove United Methodist Church, 6401 Union Grove Church Road, Hillsborough. This is the same location as last year. Further information, including a picture and map, will be sent to the reflector.
 - The list of attendees is growing! If you haven't been able to sign-up at a membership meeting, please contact Boyd directly at wordwalker3@gmail.com
 - The cost is \$10 per person payable in cash or by check. If you're paying by check, please make the checks payable to Boyd Hudson
 - Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass. When you sign up to attend the party, please let Boyd know what dish you will bring.
 - If you would like to help set-up for the party, please arrive at the church at 10am. Typically, the set-up is completed by noon.
 - If anyone would like to make donations toward the door prizes, items will include ham radio related and non-ham radio related prizes.
- Programs Survey Update – Matthew
 - First – Many thanks to Matthew for all the work he did in putting together the survey, compiling the results, and presenting the information to the club!
 - A total of 46 people responded to the survey. Thank you to all who took time to give input to the types of presentations that would be of interest to the membership. The survey included 27 different topics that were options for programs. There was also the capability of adding a topic that was not included in the list.
 - The seven most popular topics include: (Listed beginning with the most popular)

- Antennas
 - Station Safety and Grounding
 - Battery Types, Applications, and Maintenance
 - Digital Modes
 - DX Operating and Contesting
 - Propagation
 - Winlink
- There were also several topics that were manual additions to the survey request to name subjects that were not included in the survey. (Please watch the video, linked below, for details.)
- Many members indicated they would be interested in giving presentations on select topics or help put together presentations. (Please watch the video, linked below, for details.)
- The results from the survey will be taken into account by the BOD as they begin planning programs for membership meetings in 2026.
- Slate of Candidates for the January 2026 Elections – Bruce
 - Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their work in putting the slate together. The Nominating Committee includes Fred (chairman), Ron, and Bruce.
 - The current slate includes the following –
 - President – Open
 - Vice President – Boyd (KO4GJO) – Term ends Dec 2026
 - Secretary – Matthew (KQ4ZYW) – Term ends Dec 2027
 - Treasurer – Ron (KO4RON) – Term ends Dec 2026
 - Trustee – Dave (W4SAR) – Term ends Dec 2027
 - Board Members at-Large –
 - Wilson (W4BOH) – Term ends Dec 2026
 - Karen (KD4YJZ) – Term ends Dec 2026
 - Aurora (KN4VXB) – Term ends Dec 2026
 - Fred (KN4QBZ) – Term ends Dec 2026
 - Bob (W4FK) – Term ends Dec 2027
 - Ken (KO4DHJ) – Term ends Dec 2027
 - Ben (KO4BHX) – Term ends Dec 2027
 - Jonathan (KR4GOK) – Term ends Dec 2027
 - If you are interested in serving as President or would like to nominate someone for this position, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. Please note that a special election can be held during the year. This means, that we would not need to wait until January of 2027 to elect a President for the club.
- Open Discussion – The focus of the January 2026 membership meeting has been agreed to be Show and Tell from members. More information and how to participate will be sent to the reflector.

- The YouTube video for this meeting can be found at the link below –
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwE8Jw4dYiw>

Respectfully submitted,
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