

## OCRA Board Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2026

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**Board Meeting Attendees** – Dan (KR4UB), Matthew (KQ4ZYW), Ron (KO4RON), Aurora (KN4VXB), Boyd (KO4GJO), Ken (KO4DHJ), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Bob (W4FK), and Ben (KO4BHX)

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The April BOD and May Meeting minutes were approved by the board after typos and clarifications were fixed.

Action Items: Shadows for any positions that are ending January 2027.

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### Discussion Topics:

- Ron sent out dues reminders to members who need to (or are past) renewing their memberships. He also plans to bring up budget planning at the June meeting.
- Dan let the board know that he would like to designate Bill Berzinkas (WW1H) as a website re-designer and maintainer. Bill has already worked on the DFMA website (check out [dfma.org](http://dfma.org)) and is very knowledgeable about website building and hosting.
- Dan was officially voted in as OCRA's Webmaster after a motion was pushed. Please see previous BOD minutes for the description of Club Webmaster duties and responsibilities.
- It was discussed regarding the board's powers to appoint new positions onto the board (such as webmaster). Dan brought up the resources from the North Carolina law for non-profit organizations, where it states that such organizations can appoint positions. That policy can be viewed here:  
[https://ncnonprofits.org/sites/default/files/resource\\_attachments/BoardGuidebook\\_2ed.pdf](https://ncnonprofits.org/sites/default/files/resource_attachments/BoardGuidebook_2ed.pdf)
- The board discussed shadowing of positions that are ending January 2027. No one has stepped up but the nominating committee are still searching.
- The board discussed 2026 Field Day planning. The plan is six stations all running off batteries, most provided by Wilson and his son as well as other members. Also discussed was the location of the stations on Wilson's and his son's property. Insurance was discussed, and if everything is set up for the potluck and Field Day such as the port-a-potty, antennas, etc. Most of this information will be sent out on the reflector/groups.io or the following June membership meeting. Aurora will send out a Google Sheet to sign-up for cleaning out the following Saturdays, Friday prep on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and the 27-28<sup>th</sup> stations.
- Discussed meeting programs in July, August, and September. Future presentations could be WinLink training, HCP emergency exercises, and Aurora could give a presentation on how "Ham Radio Helped Her Study Space Biology". Fred wants to give a better presentation for HCP exercise with more information at the June meeting. Training such as for WinLink would probably be Saturday meeting instead of a presentation at a membership meeting. Aurora brought up about having a presentation on GMRS, as well as how the club could

reach out to people who have interest in GMRS to get them interested in ham radio, as well as people wanting to set up GMRS repeaters.

- Discussed the Meshcore and Meshstatic network, possible presentations, and the relation to Triangle Mutual Aid.

Respectfully submitted,

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