

## MEMORANDUM

To: Chuck Littlewood, K4HF, President  
From: Sue Meyer Parks, W2GHK, Secretary/Treasurer  
Re: Minutes of QCWA Chapter 126 meeting of Jan 10, 2026 (Q4 2025)  
Date: Jan. 12, 2026

Chapter 126 of the QCWA held its quarterly meeting on January 10, 2026 through a Zoom meeting. There were 22 attendees.

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The board did not meet this quarter. All board business was held by calls and emails.

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The general membership meeting was called to order at 11:00 am. President Chuck Littlewood, K4HF welcomed everyone.

Chuck asked if there were any health or welfare issues we should be aware of. There being none, Chuck, K4RGN, our appointed Chapter Chaplin, gave the invocation. He asked to remember Larry Young, K4LXV (former chapter member) who passed away a few months ago. Afterwards, we all introduced ourselves and responded to the question “Any ham radio event or operating event you plan to participate in this spring?”

K4HF mentioned chapter members with anniversary service awards:

- Gary Schwartz, K3OS-65 years
- Sue Parks, W2GHK-55 years
- Billy Stewart, WA4PVI-50 years
- Ham Hicks, KB4BR-50 years
- Dennis Mason, WZ0Q-35 years
- Peri Pantazes, KC2AHL-30 years

Certificates will be mailed.

In the absence of Dave, W4EJ the 2026 nominating committee chair, Chuck, K4HF gave the 2026 Board of Directors Nominations Report. The nominations were as follows: Directors at large, Dave Wood, W4EJ; Tom Evans, NA4U; and Bob Pantazes W2ARP. Sue Parks, W2GHK Secretary Treasurer; Charlie

Strickland, WA4OSS VP; and Chuck Littlewood, K4HF President. K4HF asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. There being none, he asked for a motion to close the nominations and unanimously accept the nominations. The members unanimously approved the motion.

K4HF thanked outgoing director Gary, K3OS for his time on the board, and welcomed Bob, W2ARP to the board.

Door prizes were drawn:

Three \$25.00 gift cards:

- Doug Wall, N3LTV
- Ralph Meeks, WB4EJJ
- Ernie Wall, NC4EW

Chuck mentioned our Saturday morning net. He thanked current NCS's: K3OS, N4TL, K4RGN, WA4OSS, W4WHW, W2ARP, WB4DCM, and W2GHK. Please sign up to be a net control station by the link on the chapter website. The Q4 2025 net report will be included with the minutes.

Sue, W2GHK gave the treasurers report. There is currently \$1891 in the bank account, which remains steady. She mentioned that 2026 dues can now be paid. She will send a reminder email to all who owe for 2026.

Bill Morine, N2COP ARRL Roanoke Division Vice-Director gave an ARRL update. He asked for all ARRL members to vote for the Section Manager. There are 2 candidates. Bill told the group about the grassroots campaign to pass the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act. This is an effort to repeal HOA rules prohibiting amateur antennas. He encouraged all to go to [arrl.org/hoa](http://arrl.org/hoa) and initiate the process of sending letters to your appropriate senate/congress reps. You do not have to be an ARRL member to participate. We thank Bill for his detailed update.

The program was a You Tube presentation by Ralph Gable, VE4PUX "Antenna Tuners: The Feedline Side-The Source & Destination of Reflected Power". The program was interesting and well received by all.

K4HF asked the group if they have any ideas for future programs to contact Chapter VP Charlie, WA4OSS.

Chuck reminded the group to keep current on your national membership.

Chuck reminded the group of upcoming Hamfests:

- March 6/7, Charlotte/Concord Hamfest
- March 14, AB4OZ, Raleigh
- March 25-27, CCAWA Conference
- April 4, Raleigh Hamfest & ARRL Roanoke Div Conv
- April 25, Winston Salem Hamfest

Our next meeting will be March 21, 2026 at Best Food Cafeteria, Siler City, NC. Program TBD.

Chuck asked if there was any other business.

- Bob, N4RF mentioned that he had the band plan for DXpedition to KP5, Desecheo Island from their website.
- Susan, WA4AKB asked for an update on Alan, AB4OZ's health issues. Since Alan attended, he mentioned that he has had back surgery and has some heart issues which are slowly getting resolved.

K4HF reminded the group of the Saturday morning net at 8:45 am on approx. 3.853 MHz. Sign up for NCS on the chapter website.

Chuck thanked all for attending. The board wishes everyone a healthy and safe winter season.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm. The following members were present:

Bob Babcock, N4RF; Ernie Bauer, N4AEW; Walt Chambers, K4ZVK; Stan Dicks, W4AG; Susan Langley-Jones, WA4AKB; Dave Langley, W4YDY; Tom Lewis, N4TL; Chuck Littlewood, K4HF; Ralph Meeks, WB4EJJ; Hank Montgomery, K4HM; Selene Montgomery, KG4RMT; Bill Morine, N2COP; Bob Pantazes, W2ARP; Sue Meyer Parks, W2GHK; Alan Pitegoff, AB4OZ; Bob Saunders, W2IKN; Charlie Strickland, WA4OSS; Charles Swindell, WB4DCM; Chuck Till, K4RGN; Doug Wall, N3LTV; Ernie Wall; NC4EW; Bill Weinel, W4WHW