

Minutes-July 17, 2025, General Meeting

By Jim Gifford N8KET, Secretary

Executive Committee Members Present

President: Geoff Kline, KI5VNB, Relocation Committee

Vice President: Eric Bramini, KC8OPY, Relocation Committee

Treasurer: John Westerkamp W8LRJ, Webmaster, Comm Center, , Relocation Committee

Secretary: Jim Gifford N8KET, , Relocation Committee

Senior Director: Bob French AC8ZU, POTA, Tech Night

Junior Director: Don Macon KE8WVJ, Relocation Committee

Executive Committee Members Absent

NA

Special note: This meeting was our first General Membership Meeting at the new location: the Bellbrook/Sugarcreek Board of Education. Tours of the radio room were conducted before the meeting.

President Geoff Kline KI5VNB opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then had members introduce themselves. Visitors and new hams were recognized.

Presentation

Shawn Waldman. CEO, Cybersecurity spoke tonight about threats to our critical infrastructure. He prefaced his talk tonight saying that "We might leave here and not sleep tonight."

Some basic points of Waldman's presentation:

Why Are We Here Today?

- Protect and defend
- Identify threats
- Understand cybersecurity
- Empower audience members to protect themselves or an organization

Understand that the adversary captures signal intelligence from equipment placed in a facility or home

We each need to be aware

Security and Safety

- Security
 - Must protect computers and data
 - There is a need for behavioral changes
 - We need to protect in the same way a door protects us in our house
- Safety
 - We need to practice defensive behavior in ways to guard against risks and threats

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- Waldman described good data protection software and advised the audience to avoid other less-reliable packages

Importance of Cybersecurity

- Allows threats from anywhere in the world
- Risks:
 - ID Theft
 - Monetary threats
 - Legal ramifications
 - Termination if one violates company policies
- Top Vulnerabilities
 - Email
 - Ransomware

Motives and Threat Actors

- Motives
 - Financial
 - Espionage
 - Other
- Threat
- Organized crime
 - End user
 - Other

Ransomware Trends

Incident Trends

Breach Trends

Web in Layers

- Web
- Deep web'
 - Academic records
 - Medical records
 - Scientific
 - Data
 - Subscription information
 - Financial records
 - Government resources
 - Human resources records
- Dark web
 - Zeronet

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- IZP
- TOR encrypted sites
- Private communications

Dark Net/Dark Web

- Malware
- Legal consequences
- Financial scams
- Blackmail
- Exposed personal information

Threat Actors/Motivations

- Cybercriminals
- Thrill seekers
- Nation states
- Hacktivists
- Terrorist groups
- Insider threats

What is a Threat Vector?

- Ransomware
- Phishing
- Missing/Poor encryption
Software vulnerabilities

Ransomware

- How do we become a victim?
- Application vulnerabilities
- Using multi-factor authentication

Malicious Documents

Emails and Phishing

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) is making it harder to recognize
- Never send personal information via email

How to Detect a Malicious Email

Malicious Domains

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Ad Spoliation

Pharming – Fake Web Pages

Malicious QR Codes

Social Engineering Attacks

Steps to Avoid Social Engineering Malicious Software

QUESTIONS

June meeting minutes

Geoff Kline presented the June meeting minutes that were sent out via email. Jim Totten WA8HUB moved we accept; Ken Gunton W8ASA seconded; passed.

Treasurer's report

John Westerkamp W8LRJ presented the Treasurer's Report. The emailed copy follows:

"We had a few new members this month for income, but mostly summer expenses as usual including Spectrum Internet and HawkHost website hosting. Our balance as of the July Membership Meeting is \$11,714.15. We continue to be in an excellent financial position as we anticipate several expenses for the BARC clubhouse relocation effort."

Thanks!

John Westerkamp, W8LRJ
Treasurer

Fund	30-Jun-25	Income	Expenses	31-Jul-25
General	\$4,366.78	\$45.00	\$331.76	\$4,080.02
Comm center	\$1,007.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,007.43
Refreshments	\$800.46	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$855.46
Repeater	\$319.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$319.53
All Liquid Funds	\$6,494.20	\$100.00	\$331.76	\$6,262.44
6 Month CD	\$5,451.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,451.71
ALL FUNDS	\$11,945.91	\$100.00	\$331.76	\$11,714.15

Jim Lusk KC8EFD moved that we pass the report; Joe Muchnij N8QOD seconded; passed.

Updates from the President and Coordinators

Geoff Kline provided an update on the facility move. He advised of some prohibitions in the new facility, and he told members that the building will be closed if Bellbrook schools close for weather-

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related reasons. The committee is working on the room carpeting and acquiring cable access to the roof.

Don Parker KB8PSL invited membership participation in the Lions Club parade on August 23rd. Volunteers are needed at 3pm.

Tink Siwecki announced the next movie night, the last in the old clubhouse, to occur on July 24 at 7pm.

Eric Bramini KC8OPY moved we close the meeting; Glenn Rodgers WI8O seconded. Meeting ended at 8:56pm.