

Minutes-June 19, 2025, General Meeting

By Jim Gifford N8KET, Secretary

Executive Committee Members Present

President: Geoff Kline, KI5VNB

Vice President: Eric Bramini, KC8OPY

Secretary: Jim Gifford N8KET

Senior Director: Bob French AC8ZU, POTA, Tech Night

Junior Director: Don Macon KE8WVJ

Executive Committee Members Absent

Treasurer: John Westerkamp W8LRJ, Webmaster, Comm Center

President Geoff Kline KI5VNB opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then passed around the mic for individual introductions, asking members to answer the question:– “Are you working on any new amateur radio projects this month”? Visitors and new hams were recognized.

May meeting minutes

The May meeting minutes were sent out via email. Glenn Rodgers WI80 moved we accept; Fred Stockwell KE8ZPN seconded; passed.

Treasurer’s report

John Westerkamp W8LRJ is unable to attend, Geoff Kline read the report (see below).

“Income continues to trickle in with Kroger Rewards of \$63.25 being the main deposit. Expenses for Internet and Field Day totalled \$298.91. I expect more Field Day expenses in early July. Our balance as of the June Membership meeting is \$12,041.82. We continue to be in excellent financial shape heading into our relocation.

Thanks!

John Westerkamp/W8LRJ
Treasurer”

Fund	30-Apr-25	Income	Expenses	31-May-25
General	\$4,512.44	\$118.25	\$298.91	\$4,331.78
Comm center	\$1,007.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,007.43
Refreshments	\$1,020.34	\$0.00	\$72.00	\$948.34
Repeater	\$319.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$319.53
All Liquid Funds	\$6,859.74	\$118.25	\$370.91	\$6,607.08
6 Month CD	\$5,434.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,434.74
ALL FUNDS	\$12,294.48	\$118.25	\$370.91	\$12,041.82

Don Parker KB8PSL moved we accept; Jim Totten WA8HUB seconded; passed.

Looking for a volunteer to become the field day coordinator for 2026

Eric Bramini has accepted the challenge to coordinate the 2026 Field Day.

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We will be rescheduling the July planning meeting

Geoff Kline announced that the planning meeting, as it is currently scheduled to occur on July 3, which is the start of a holiday weekend, the Executive Board is looking at Thursday July 10 as the rescheduled date.

Updates from our coordinators

Tink Siwecki KD8NUA announced the upcoming movie night movie is “Fly Me to the Moon.”

Ray Hitt N8VMX is Membership Coordinator. He is checking, verifying, and updating the member badges. He requested any changes, errors, or missing information be brought to his attention.

Relocation update

Geoff Kline addressed the following:

- The Clubhouse Relocation Ad-hoc Committee would like to thank those who attended Tuesday’s meeting for their input and observations.
- The club is ready to formally submit our rental agreement (still zero cost but ensuring we meet the requirements of the school).
- Decisions made this week:
 - Three stations will be set up on a full-time basis
 - 4th station will be in storage or configured as a go box that can be set up on a temporary basis if required
 - The 3 stations will have caster wheels installed to allow easier movement of the stations, and maximize space utilization
 - An initial move in day layout known as 3S-1 was agreed to. Layout is available to view tonight
 - The R9 antenna will be one of the first antennas setup
- The committee will be looking into holding the July membership meeting in the new space to give members an opportunity to see the new radio room before anything is moved in, and as a test run to ensure the meeting space at the new location is suitable for purpose.
 - Watch your email for details about the July meeting
- In order for the committee to move forward with the relocation planning it needs to be authorized by the club membership.

Motion to authorize “Clubhouse Relocation Ad-hoc Committee” to take necessary actions for relocation

Steve Siwecki KD8NUC presented the following motion to authorize the Clubhouse Relocation Ad-hoc Committee to move forward

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I Steve Siwecki move that the Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club “Clubhouse Relocation Ad-hoc Committee”, (hereafter “Committee”) initially formed by then president Ray Hitt N8VMX in December of 2024, and continued by the current president Geoff Kline KI5VNB be expressly and fully empowered by the BARC membership to take any and all necessary actions to:

- Secure a new location,
- Enter into an equitable and lawful agreement with our future host,
- Provide for physical relocation of pertinent BARC property, to include rooftop equipment.
- Establish initial operations,
- Provide for storage and/or disposition of excess property,
- Handle unforeseen contingencies, or other situations not enumerated here and,
- To do so ethically, legally and in accordance with the BARC Constitution and By-Laws.

The membership of the Committee, upon approval, will consist of:

The following BARC Executive committee members:

- President, Geoffery Kline KI5VNB
- Vice President, Eric Bramini KC8OPY
- Treasurer, John Westerkamp W8LRJ
- Junior Director, Donald Macon KE8WVJ

Plus, any willing Full BARC members in good standing to serve at the president’s pleasure

○ Currently:

- Paul Sharp WS8R
- Tim Procnar N8NQH
- Ray Hitt N8VMX
- Jim Totten WA8HUB

The Club president and vice president shall serve as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, of the committee. The Committee will secure the consent of the club for any significant new recurring costs, or one-time costs at or exceeding 10% of the Club’s current reserves that are associated with the relocation.

Any single BARC officer or both BARC directors may, as they see fit but with the knowledge of the Committee, refer any relocation issue to the full membership for review.

Joe Muchnij N8QOD seconded. Members voted affirmation.

Presentation

Glenn Rodgers is Field Day Coordinator; Eric Bramini, who will lead Field Day in 2026, presented a program on what to expect in 2025. Highlights of the presentation:

- History

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- Roster
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Site Setup
- Stations
- Computers/IT
- Antenna Setup
- Food
- Schedule
- Logistics
- Field Day Bulletin Schedule by W1AW
- Questions

Ray Hitt moved we close the meeting; Glenn Rodgers seconded; closed at 8:23pm.