

Minutes-November 21, 2024, General Meeting

By Jim Gifford N8KET, Secretary

Executive Committee Members Present

President: Ray Hitt N8VMX, Newsletter

Vice President: Jim Totten WA8HUB, Lunch Bunch

Treasurer: John Westerkamp W8LRJ, Communications Center, Assistant Field Day

Secretary: Jim Gifford N8KET

Sr. Director: Jim Lusk KC8EFD, Clubhouse

Functional Coordinators Present:

Tink Siwecki KD8NUA, Hospitality and Library

Glenn Rodgers W18O, Field Day

Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Nominating Committee

Tom McClory KE8FWZ, Youth

Paul Sharp WS8R, Education and Net Control

Executive Committee Members Absent

Jr. Director: Bob French AC8ZU, POTA, Tech Night

At 7:30 pm, President Ray Hitt N8VMX welcomed attendees and led attendees in the pledge of allegiance. Each person present introduced himself/herself. Guests and attendees with new or updated licenses were recognized.

Agenda Item 1. Nominations Committee Presentation of Slate of Officers for the December Meeting

Steve Siwecki KD8NUC explained the process to attendees. If no further nominations were received by the end of the business meeting on this night, nominations are closed. The floor was open to receive nominations. (None were received). The nominations are as follows (the Nominations Committee will receive written nominations until the close of business tonight):

President:	Geoff Kline KI5VNE
Vice President:	Eric Bramini KC8OPY
Treasurer:	John Westerkamp W8LRJ
Secretary:	James Gifford N8KET
Junior Director:	Don Macon KE8WVJ

A vote to accept the slate will be taken near the end of tonight's meeting.

Agenda Item 2. Presentation: BARC Communication Center – John Westerkamp

Slide 1-BARC Communication Center

Slide 2-John Westerkamp, W8LRJ - Introduction

- Always interested in radio and have always been a SWL
- Amateur Extra and BARC Member since April 2018
- Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from University of Dayton
- Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University
- Specialized in Digital Signal Processing/Communications

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- Electrical Engineering Faculty at U.D. for 17 years
- Computers and Networking for 10 years
- Retired and enjoying a great hobby
- LRJ stands for Lori, Rachel, and Jacob (wife and two kids)
- Nephew is Jordan Westerkamp, football player University of Nebraska

Slide 3-Overview of Presentation

- Upcoming radio events
- Clubhouse access protocol
- Steps for using the radio stations
 - Antenna (and rotor) setup
 - Power supply
 - Using the Icom IC-7300*
- Using the N3FJP logger and rig control
- Cleaning up

** Taken from Ken Moak, KM8AM*

Slide 4-Upcoming Radio Events

- ARRL 10 Meter Contest
 - at clubhouse on Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm
- W8W Special Event Station Wright Brothers Anniversary of First Flight
 - at clubhouse on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm
- North American QSO Party (just FYI to work at home)
 - Saturday, January 18, and Sunday, January 19, 2025
- Winter Field Day
 - at Twin Oaks Shelter, Hills and Dales, 2655 S Patterson Blvd. on Saturday, January 25, 2025, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.
- Rookie Roundup in April

Slide 5-Clubhouse Access Protocol

- Key is in lock box on the outside door (Ask for key code)
- Unlock outside door, enter building, and immediately lock outside door
- Unlock clubhouse door
- Return key to lock box (leave outside door locked)
- Close clubhouse door after entering (and lock for safety)
- Play radio!
- When done, return clubhouse to how you found it!
- Be sure both clubhouse doors are locked
- Be extra sure outside door is locked

Slide 6-Rooftop Antennas

Slide 7-Antennas

Slide 8-Rotors

Slide 9-Station Overview

Slide 10-IC-7300 Front Panel

Slide 11-Power On

Slide 12-Set band and mode

- Set band and mode using the touchscreen
- Touch LSB to set mode and select (although normally done automatically)

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- Touch left most digit to set bands, use touchscreen to change
- Touch other digits to change rate of movement using the fine adjustment knob (the big one)

Slide 13-Set RF Power Level

Slide 14-Tuning

Slide 15-Rotor Controller

Slide 16-N3FJP logger

- If not running, double-click the desktop icon for Amateur Control Log
- Radio may automatically connect to N3FJP (Band, Mode, and Frequency should match radio)
- If not, click on Settings and then Rig Control and load the Icom2 file and click Done
- Again, N3FJP should reflect radio settings
- Set your Operator info by clicking on Settings and then Setup and filling in the Optional information at the bottom
- Do Not Change the W8DGN Callsign!

Slide 17-Cleaning up

- When finished, be sure to
 - ✓ Turn off rotor controller
 - ✓ Turn off the IC-7300 power button
 - ✓ Turn off the IC-7300 power supply
 - ✓ Disconnect the coax antenna/radio and rotor controller jumpers
 - ✓ Return clubhouse to its original condition (see posted sign)
 - ✓ Turn off lights and A/C
 - ✓ Make sure both clubhouse doors are locked
 - ✓ Make sure outside door is locked and key is in the lockbox

Agenda Item 3. Minutes of the October meeting

Ray Hitt said the minutes were emailed and asked if anyone had questions or comments. None stated. Jim Totten WA8HUB moved we accept; Glenn Rodgers WI8O seconded; passed by members present.

Agenda Item 4. Treasurer's Report

John Westerkamp W8LRJ Presented the 2025 Budget to members and explained line items. A copy of the 2025 Budget is attached to this email.

Westerkamp then presented the November statement, which was emailed to members and is as follows:

Dues are rolling in so our income is going up quickly. Our only expense for the month is the usual Spectrum Internet. Our balance as of the November Membership Meeting is \$11,838.99.

After discussions with Metronet, it was determined that they would have to do additional construction and drilling under the pavement to run fiber optic to the school building. Since they

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could not give me a cost estimate of the construction and given that we may be moving out in August, I requested that they cancel our installation.

I have attached the 2025 Budget Proposal that was approved at the last Planning Meeting and that will be voted on at the Membership Meeting tonight. The bottom line is the movement of \$1000 from the General Fund into each of the Repeater Fund and Communications Fund for updates on the grounding systems at both sites (contingent on our staying at the schoolhouse).

Thanks!

John Westerkamp, W8LRJ
Treasurer

Fund	31-Oct-24	Income	Expenses	30-Nov-24
General	\$4,091.74	\$427.46	\$129.98	\$4,389.22
Comm center	\$1,007.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,007.43
Refreshments	\$823.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$823.16
Repeater	\$319.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$319.53
All Liquid Funds	\$6,241.86	\$427.46	\$129.98	\$6,539.34
6 Month CD	\$5,299.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,299.65
ALL FUNDS	\$11,541.51	\$427.46	\$129.98	\$11,838.99

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A motion was made we accept the report; Larry Darner KD8RER seconded; passed.

Agenda Item 5. Changes to Constitution and Bylaws

Ray Hitt presented changes as projected on the front screen. He explained that according to the Constitution and Bylaws it needs to be presented tonight, reread and discussed in December, and voted on in January. A pdf copy is attached to this email, and the changes are indicated on Page i.

Agenda Item 6. Special Event Station

Jim Gifford N8KET described the December 17, 2024, Special Event Station W8W. More details will be emailed in December.

Agenda Item 7. Coordinators' Reports

Ray Hitt explained to attendees about a Bellbrook/Sugarcreek School Board meeting he attended where the board was discussing what may happen with the building in which the clubhouse exists. He also said that BARC officers also met twice with other tenants in the building. There is a December 12, 2024, meeting of the school board where input by tenants is encouraged. A decision is anticipated around the February 2025 time frame.

Hitt solicited member input about options we may have if the school board closes or sells the building. Hitt said he would keep members informed as he learns any details.

Agenda Item 8. Close Nominations

No written nominations were received during tonight's meeting, so the committee asked that nominations be closed.

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Ken Gunton W8ASA moved we accept the slate presented earlier in the meeting; Bill Weaner KB8BKW seconded. Passed by members.

Agenda Item 9. Coordinators' Reports

Paul Sharp WS8R said that the Technician Training was completed, and attendees would be taking the test the following Sunday in Beavercreek at the Senior Center.

Sharp also said that after a net control resigned because of other obligations, Connie Gifford W8CSG would be taking the third Sunday night starting in January.

Tink Siwecki KD8NUA promoted the upcoming BARC Movie Nights, starting in January.

Jim Totten WA8HUB said the BARC Lunch Bunch would meet at Cherry House next. He also said he has a soldering station for sale with the money going to the club. A list was created for members to bid before the December meeting.

Chris Hanselman KF8BOK announced he was taking orders for tumblers, \$12 with your name; \$15 with both name and call sign; solid royal blue with silver.

Larry Darner moved we close the meeting; Glenn Rodgers W18O seconded. Closed at 8:27pm.