

**Waldwick Chamber of Commerce  
General Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 20, 2025 | **Time:** 8:30 AM | **Location:** Waldwick Public Library

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## 1. Welcome & Introductions

- Meeting called to order by **Stan Kowalski, President & W5K Race Director**. Stan welcomed members and guests.
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## 2. Membership Overview

- **Total Members:** 117
  - **Non-Profit Organizations:** 24
  - **Businesses Based in Waldwick:** 80
  - **Businesses Outside Waldwick:** 37
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## 3. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to waive the reading of the **June 18, 2025** minutes made by **Dave Barthold**.
- Motion seconded and approved by **Giuseppe Casio** and **Chuck Farricker**.

## 4. Guest Speaker: TEEEM & Social Entrepreneurship Shark Tank

- **Ted Opderbeck** from **TEEEM** presented on opportunities to partner with Waldwick High School for a **Shark Tank-style event**.
- He explained TEEEM's work locally and with the pod in Kenya.
- Suggested **fundraising collaborations**, similar to past efforts with **Bagel Bros II** and **Bombay Hut**.
- **Neha Garcia of Bombay Hut** shared her experience, noting that supporting TEEEM fundraising significantly boosted her business.
- Members interested in supporting the Shark Tank initiative were encouraged to connect with **Ted Opderbeck, TEEEM, or the Chamber**.

## 5. Chamber Updates

- **Waldwick Business Passport:**
  - **Tracy Infield** reported strong community participation. **Andrew Fucarino** was the first to complete the Passport with his family and received a **\$100 gift card to Abe & Co. Jewelers**.
  
- **Taste of Waldwick:**
  - **Brian MacKey** provided an update on the October 13 event.
  - Requested **all members' support the night of the event**.
  - Urged members to **help now by contacting local food and drink establishments** to participate.
  - **Chuck Farricker** will assist in outreach.
  - Some **town and ABC licensing items** are still being worked out and will be updated at the September meeting.
  - A portion of event proceeds will benefit **Alzheimer's charities**.

## 7. Upcoming Events & Reminders

- **Waldwick Business Passport – Ends August 31, 2025.**
  
  - **Waldwick Schools Open – Wednesday, September 3, 2025.**
  
  - **HoHoKus Day – Saturday, September 6, 2025.**
  
  - **Walk to End Alzheimer's – Sunday, September 14, 2025. Jim Prussak (Applause)** has a team; members encouraged to join or donate.
  
  - **Taste of Waldwick – Sunday, October 13, 2025.**
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## 8. Adjournment Meeting adjourned following reminders and updates.