

DPRG Board meeting 16 June 2025

Agenda

- cancel or don't renew meetup subscription
- Website issues: discuss the situation and brainstorm mitigations and repair approaches moving forward, keeping in mind what Doug has tried already
- Discuss issues, needs and approaches for credential management across DPRG's IT assets
- Discuss whether DPRG should fund T-shirts for Moon-day exhibitors

Notes

Funding T-shirts

- Estimate \$17.60 per T-shirt. But Mark thinks it can be done for \$5-6/shirt. Doug thinks if it can be done for \$50-60/shirt we should fund it
- Board agreed to funding T-shirts for exhibitors at the \$50-60 level

[Meetup.com](#) subscription

- Proposal to not renew [meetup.com](#) subscription
- Board agreed to not renew [meetup.com](#) fee for \$190/6mo

Web Site issue

- Problem: When you put a new post on, it erases an old post (or two or more). Posts are disappearing.
- Hasn't been thoroughly troubleshot. Have eliminated:
- It's usually a theme problem or add-in problem.
- We moved the site to Wordpress 2025. But we didn't remove all the add-ins when we did that.
- There is a trouble-shooting mode inside Wordpress which lets you deactivate different add-ins.
- Doug was thinking about deactivating addins in trouble-shooting mode
- Doug has an untested backup of the database
- Doug thinks we probably ought to spend money to hire someone to troubleshoot it
- Dreamhost keeps 8-rolling days of the database
- There are 3 groups of wordpress tables in the database with prefixes related to dates

- Doug thinks there is probably 2-3 days of troubleshooting. Doug thinks we should try to trouble-shoot & if we don't succeed, hire someone
- Doug suggests letting it sit for a month & when he gets back he can do a better trouble-shooting job than he has time to do currently. There's a mitigation in place where ppl can get to the RBNV link
- Suggestion for RobotLAB visit: put an image up on the home page explaining the visit
- Nuclear option: create a new website & try to recover as much as you can
- Steve: look for some limit that may be in place that limits the number of posts or deletes posts & try to narrow it down
- Paul: could we duplicate the site onto a test site? Doug: tables have a prefix, & when you move to a different server you have to change all the prefixes. There are scripts that can help, but it's a lot of work. Doug doesn't know how much work it would be to make a dev version of the site, duplicated on dreamhost.
- Steve: bring code down locally & ask aider or other AI editor & ask it to analyze what's happening & see if it can spot an issue.
- Doug: we're a vantage theme, but we run vantage-child, which lets you override site-content assumptions
- Doug thinks the problem started roughly about the time Mark started adding posts, but we think that's coincidental. Mid-April is when we think the problem started.
- Doug doesn't think the new version of Wordpress is the problem, but a mismatch with the new version & the add-ins could be the problem.
- **Steve said he'll learn wordpress before he spends thousands of dollars on a consulting company**
- Board agrees we'll try & tap in-house resources before we hire consultants
- Board agreed to table this issue until Doug returns July 20

Issues, Needs & Approaches for IT Credential Management

- We need a policy document stating credential management
- Mark will make it.officer@dprg.org
- Paul will look into the dprg.org Google Workspace
- Eric will create a proposed policy doc & review with board
- Eric will approach Bitwarden and ask for a deal for non-profits.

RobotLAB visit

- Eric pointed out that for the Vex visit non-members turned up to collect robots & were never seen again. We don't want that to happen again
- Paul will check with Meshva that it's OK to send the NDA to the email list
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