

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes

April 1th, 2016

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:00pm by President, Tom Hansen.

President's Report

Tom Hansen, N8DGD: had the people introduce themselves. He then reminded us that adopt a highway will be on April 19th. We'll meet at the mobile gas station. At 6PM. More information will be on the repeater. We are also going to have an antenna clean up party. We'll meet at the rear of the Red Cross building. Spring cleanup of our antennas. Listen for the date when we'll have this.

VP Report

Mike Bottema, K8EX: He has bought a new house. He'll have tower work to do shortly.

Secretary's Report: The secretary read the minutes from last month's meeting: there was a correction. Paul WX8TOW is taking over the Field Day operation. Dustin is the Off-The-Air chairman. Rick made a motion to accept- seconded by Frank. The motion **Passed.**

Treasurer's Report

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA: make the treasurer's report. We had bills totaling \$2579.46. We have an ending balance forward of \$3097.56. Rick made a motion to accept- seconded by Ed. The motion passed.

W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen: Tom is going to contact the FCC regarding changing the password on the FRM.

On Air Director Report: No Report.

Off Air Director Report: No report.

Tech. Director Report: Steve is checking on the requirements and cost to hire a professional tower climber. He's found one that wants \$500.00 and that's for 2 person crew: one on the tower, one on ground support. He is also checking on getting internet access from Comcast. More next month.

There were several questions from the membership: can we have the 440 repeater function in Fusion. Tom said we would have to change the controller.

Ed wanted to know if there was any further information on when the petise site would be vacated. Tom said he would call Tom K8TB.

Member-At-Large Report: No report.

Red Cross Liaison Report:

Digital Rep. Report: No report

Web Master Report: Jack NY8D, said the directions on the web site on how to get to the GRARA meeting were wrong. Tom will check into it.

VE Team Report: He had 6 folks take the exam: 4 successes!

Public information-Officerl Jack Read off the Ham Swaps coming up. There is one in Burnon on April 2nd. IRA is June 4th. Holland ARC is holding a Ham in the day class. Check with the Holland web site for further information. There is also one being held at the KC Sheriff's Dept. check with RACES for further information. The 5/3 Riverbank run is coming up. Cadillac Ham swap is on 5-7.

Additional Club Reports: Larc is holding their monthly club meeting 4/2/2016.

Old Business: we've decided to put the beam on the tower, but the Red Cross's antenna must be at the top: the beam will be mounted below it.
Antenna clean up at the Red Cross will be on April 9th. Meet at the Red Cross at 11AM.
Tom said we have 12 people going to Dayton this year.
Tom shared that we do have a firm location for Field Day: Kenowa Hills. We'll be operating 2A and have a GOTA station. They have bathrooms and the concession stand will be open.

New Business: No new business.
Hank made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dustion.
Meeting ended at 7:50PM

Respectively submitted
GRARA Secretary Rich K8JX

Attendance:

Name	Call sign	ARRL Member
Tom Hansen	N8DGD	Yes
Rich Ranta	K8JX	no

Ed novakowski	N8UXN	Yes
Frank Thompson	KD8QXC	yes
Dustin Olsen	KD8PUZ	yes
John Streyle	W8QZ	yes
Paul Rodgers	WX8TOW	yes
Jim leys	K8CAN	Yes
Mike Bottema	K8EX	yes
Jack Amlelar	NY8D	yes
Ann Ingersoll	KB8ZSX	Yes
Jack Kunnen	AB8ND	yes
Anthony R Krzykwa	KA8RTS	yes
Tim friske	K8THF	yes
Franklin C McClelland	KD8OHS	yes
Jerry Glya	AC8QC	yes
Bob Keller	KC8DPS	
Rob Schroeder	KD8VHV	no
Lee vanderbar		
John Ley	N8VLJ	no
Rich Hartney		
Hank Greeb	N8XX	yes