

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2017

The minutes were delayed due to the secretary being late. The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:06pm by President, Tom Hansen.

President's Report

Tom Hansen, N8DGD Not recorded

VP Report

John Steyle W8QZ not recorded.

Secretary's Report Rich K8JX read the club minutes from March 2017. There was one correction: Bob's last name is Moe not Moss. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Phil W8IPN gave the treasurer's report: we have a balance of \$4233,30. Phil stated we are a IRS 501 3c : we can accept donations and they are deductible. Hank N8XX made a motion to accept 2nd by Tom. The report was accepted.

W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen N8DGD. Nothing to report.

On Air Director Report: Hank gave a report on the Cedar Springs Field Day site. There is enough room for 3 stations. Hank and another ham checked the site for on the air functionality: it seems to be good. Low noise. Hank then wanted to get an idea of how many would show up for FD. He also would like to see a Get On The Air station operated by a newly licensed ham.

Hank then talked about the Michigan State Parks on the Air operation. We could get a few hams together and activate a park at any time. Hank will be out of action for a while as they fix his other hip.

Off Air Director Report: Dustin KD8PVZ. There will be a presentation on how visually impaired hams operate.

Tech. Director Report: Steve AC8QE explained how the data link will be operated. We do have to get permission from the hospital on their use. Steve is going to install the new controller shortly. The Yaesu Fusion repeater, 146.760 has a upgrade to be made. Steve will be shipping it out soon. Steve has ordered tickets for the Dayton Hamvention.

Member-At-Large Report: No report.

Red Cross Liaison Report: Jim stated the Red Cross will be installing smoke detector soon. Jim has a survey available if you want a detector installed.

Digital Rep. Report: NR

Web Master Report: Tom KI8W has been experiencing trouble with the verbage on the Pay-Pal buttons. They seem to have been designed for commercial business not clubs..

He also has a new video link installed.

VE Team Report: we had 6 take the exam, 5 passed.

Additional Reports The IRA will be holding a Noon time net , Monday, Wednesday and Friday. At noon. The Fulton Amateur Radio Team is back on the air.

Old Business none

New Business Tom has had to prohibit a person from accessing the GRARA newsgroup link. The individual is acting like a spamer.

Tom Benler KB8TYJ. Then gave us a presentation on how vision impaired Hams operate. It was very informative. Tom is also the net control for the IRA Noon Net.

Attendance