

**Grand Rapids Amateur Radio
Association Meeting Minutes**

April 6, 2018

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:00pm by. President Tom Hansen N8DGD.

President's Report

Tom Greeted everybody and had us introduce ourselves He posted Mike Bottema's new resident address where he is living. He probably will not recognize anyone from the club. But he does engage in conversation.

Tom also reminded us that the adopt a highway will take place on April 17, 2018 and the rain date will be April 24, 2018. Plan on being there at 6:15PM. The location is on 14 mile road.

VP Report

John Streyle W8QZ.

Treasurer's Report

Hank: stated we started February 28, 2018 with a beginning balance of \$4166.53

Web hosting: \$59.40

Received a donation of \$25.00 for the Red Cross.

Dues \$180.00.

Total balance forward \$4312.13

Hank made a motion to donate \$250.00 to the IRA and \$250.00 to the Red Cross.

Seconded by Rich : It passed.

A motion to accept was made: and passed as read. It was passed.

On Air Director Report:

Greg KN4CK : has submitted an article to Grara's Newsletter, The QRM. Greg also said we have the Michigan QSO party coming up on April 21, 2018 it runs for 12 hours and we'll open up the radio room at 11:00AM.

Off Air Director Report:

Dustin : Dave DeVos will be giving a presentation on his Solar panels he has built.

Tech. Director Report:

We have a site for the 147.260 MHz repeater. It is courtesy of T & W Electronics. It is in Moline Mi. Scheduled date of moving is April 21, 2018. The cost is \$12.00 per month for electricity and we'll have to have our cavities turned to our frequency. Steve is planning that this should be done in one day. The site also has backup power.

Member-At-Large Report:

No report.

Red Cross Liaison Report:

Jim: The Red Cross has stated they will be installing smoke detectors on May 4, 2018 at 8AM and on May 11, 2018 at 9:AM.

Jim also gave a final report on the participation statistics of the Red Cross in the flood crisis we had. To sign up to help with the smoke alarms installation, go to Soundthealarm.org.

Digital Rep. Report:

- Nothing to report

VE Team Report: Steven reported that in March, we had 6 people take the exam: 1 tech 2 Gen and 2 made extra. Steven also wanted to thank Nathan N8THN , for running the VE session when Steven had other things to attend to.

Additional Reports Tom, K8TB, A "Tune-Up In the Park" Fox Hunting exercise will be held on April 28, 2018 sponsored by the Lowell ARC, the Allegan ARC, the Holland ARC, and the Grand Rapids ARA.

Whether you are just beginning to be interested in Fox Hunting or you are a grizzled veteran, plan on being at Douglas-Walker Park on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Hank N8XX said Cadillac computer and ham Swap will be held on May 5, 2018.

Dave DeVos KF8QL. Invited folks to the Spring Sprint from 7 to 11 PM. Every Sunday night, they meet on 144.155.Mhz, USB.

It was also suggested that with all the equipment we have and work bench, maybe we could use it to build a radio. Just an idea.

Webmaster: Thom reported he has put up several pdf files and wondered if we should put up the Board Meeting minutes too. We had general discussion on the pro's and con's of installing the minutes. We then held a discussion on if we should include the treasurer's report. John made a motion to include the Treasurer's report in the Board Meeting Minutes on the web site. Seconded by Rich: it passed, with one nay.

Old Business: John, our V.P., brought up increasing the gate price and table prices for our swap. We then had a general discussion on how much we should raise the prices. Currently, we're charging \$6.00 at the gate, and table prices are \$8.00 for tables against the wall, with electricity, and \$6.00 for center aisle tables. Robert KE8GYH asked how come we were not using Pay-Pal : he has offered to help set us up.

We then had a motion to lower the gate price to \$5.00 and increase the table prices to \$12.00 against the wall with electric and \$10.00 in the center aisle. The motion was made by John, seconded by Rich. It passed.

Cost of the post cards. Send postcards to those who have previously attended and do not have an e-mail address.

New Business

No NB

Hank made a motion to adjourn: The meeting ended at 7:45PM

Respectively submitted
Rich K8JX Grara secretary.