

**Grand Rapids Amateur Radio
Association Meeting Minutes**

August 3, 2018

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association Started with a presentation by Bill Flanagan, a trainer from The John Ball Zoological Gardens. "Turtles". The presentation lasted for 37 minutes.

President's Report

Tom Mentioned that the new QRM was up here.
A donated Power Supply for sale: 20amp. 35bucks.

VP Report: NR

Treasurer's Report

Hank: Our beginning balance was \$4318.18
Our end balance is \$4178.58
Hank said Cedar Springs had shredded the check.
They were happy with our clean-up efforts. They are now working on cleaning up cigarette's.
Motion to accept: Phil, seconded by Dustin. The motion passed.

On Air Director Report:

Greg KN4CK : Is in Wyoming, transmitting ARPS.
Tom played an audio file of our signal that was picked up in Florida: The Michigan QSO party. Taken by Bob Robinson.

Off Air Director Report:

Dustin: nothing for next month. There will be a project in October.

Tech. Director Report:

Steven Explained the security system that is in operation in the Red Cross and the time it is on. The antenna on the tower is not working. Motion to hire Pete to climb the Verizon tower. Motion passed.
Stephan told about the trouble with the generator and getting wheels mounted on it and their cost.
We have moved the transmitter to the Moline site: but there wasn't any UHF port. So we're using Tom's mobile UHF antenna.

Member-At-Large Report:

Bob said we have 3 prizes from the ARRL. Bob wanted to know how much we should spend on prizes. Steve has some stuff from past fests.

Red Cross Liaison Report:

Jim: Tomorrow we're having the water distribution in Parchment

Digital Rep. Report: NR

VE Team Report .1 person came in, passed the General. Took the extra, and missed 10. Next month is going to be busy: The VE exam is on one day and then the Swap will have another VE session.

Additional Reports Dave DeVos: President of the MI vhf UHF society. Is having a distance contest 220 and above. This coming Saturday.

Hank: There is a North American QSO contest from 2Am to 2Pm. Cw only tomorrow.

Tom K8TB. Wanted to thank everybody for their support. Wanted to know if anybody had salvaged the hardline from the WLAV Tower. No, they wanted 500 bucks for it and it was 40 years old.

Jack: LARC's meeting is 8/16/2018

Webmaster: Tom is waiting for his internet connection to come back up.

Old Business: John: a new idea for tickets for the swap. Different colors and a place to put a number for prizes.

Phil. Changes to the By-laws.:

“SECTION 7 - BY-LAWS

As Amended, August 3, 2018

Changes in the By-Laws may be made when proposed by any Full Member and passed by a two-thirds majority of the Full Members voting at any regular business meeting provided a quorum is present. Proposals for changes shall be submitted in writing at a regular business meeting and shall not be voted upon sooner than the following month's regular business meeting. In addition, all Full Members shall be emailed a written notice, containing the proposed changes, at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which they will be voted upon. This notice will be printed and emailed by the Association's Secretary. A notice containing the proposed changes shall be posted on the Association's website no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which they will be voted upon. The By-Laws may not change any existing part of the Constitution.”

Phil made a motion to vote on the change: seconded my Dustin: it passed with on Nay vote.

Steve wanted to know if we were going to mail out flyers to all the people. We have already voted on mailed just to people who haven't been to the club in a while.

New Business: Tom is going to visit an island and wants to do some QRP operation. Wanted to know if anybody had a tips for him.
A member has a Chinese radio and it worked till he tried to update it through windows 10. It doesn't work so well now.

Hank made a motion to adjourn: The meeting ended at 8:58 PM

Respectively submitted
Rich K8JX Grara secretary.