

# Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

## Meeting Minutes

December 1,, 2017

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:04pm by. President Tom Hansen N8DGD.

### President's Report

Tom Greeted everybody and had us introduce ourselves. Tom then passed out the latest QRM newsletter: vol 2 no1. Tom then said he wanted to discuss "streamline" our meeting by reducing reports like Treasurer and secretary reading the previous month's minutes.

### VP Report

John Streyle W8QZ. NR

### Secretary's Report

Rich K8JX; Read the November club minutes. There was a correction by Jerry W8MSK. He had stated he was concerned about the lack of an invoice in the bills. Motion to accept: Hank Seconded by Tom. It passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Hank N8XX:

<i>Current Balance</i>	<u>\$5,388.49</u>
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Joe Made a motion to accept: seconded by Rich. It passed.

### W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen: nothing to report.

### On Air Director Report:

Greg KN8CK, made his first report as our O-A-D.

Greg looked at how many contests we were involved with. Field Day was our biggest one and the one we were the most successful with. Greg also wanted to know if we were interested in holding/ participating in the Winter Field Day. We would hold it in the Radio Room. Folks are to let Greg know as soon as possible.

### Off Air Director Report:

Dustin wasn't present. Steve and Tom both have presentations to make after the meeting is over.

**Tech. Director Report:**

Steve stated the old Fusion repeater was sent back to Yaesu and they have received it. we now have internet in the Radio Room. Our internet provider is not charging us, as long as we don't abuse the service.

**Member-At-Large Report:**

No report.

**Red Cross Liaison Report:**

Jim: The Red Cross They are still busy with Hurricane clean up. They are looking for volunteers. Nothing further about smoke detectors. They have also said interested people should contact the Fire dept. about smoke alarms.

**Digital Rep. Report:**

- Nothing to report

Web Master Report: Tom NR

**VE Team Report:**

On November 10, we had 3 test takers. 2 made general 1 made exte.

On December 8, we already have 3 people signed up to takw the test.

If anybody is interested in becoming a VE, show up at 6:30PM

**Additional Reports**

Tom K8TB has already received 11 sign ups for the extra class course. Starts January 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2018.

Jack NY8D asked if anybody wanted to help the Flat River Christmas distribution can meet in their parking lot. Be there at 8AM. That's on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Hank inquired if anybody else had troubles making contacts in the ARES/ Races and the contact between MARS and Hams. Joe WD8USA said he will pass on the trouble Hank experienced.

**Old Business**

No OB

**New Business**

We discussed holding the after Christmas party. January 5<sup>th</sup>. We need to spend \$ 75.00 for meat and a dish to pass. There were no volunteers, so Tom will pick up the meat.

Jack NY8D announced that the "New Hams Dinner" will be at the Pizza Ranch on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Hank said he will wait after the meeting to accept dues. Pay-pal isn't up and running as of yet.

Steve reminded us about the New Hams Dinner also. We'll meet at 2PM and the cost will be their normal charge. Pay at the door.

Tom reminded members that there is a skywarn appreciation event going on at the NWS starting tonight.

Streamlining the meeting: Hank suggested we may use a consent agenda, where you file your report before the meeting. He suggested we put both the treasurers report and the secretary's report on the web site. Jerry W8MSK didn't think that would be a

good idea, as did others. So we'll not put the treasurer's report on the web site. Many discussions were made regarding how the minutes could be adjusted and corrected. We ended up with a wait and see how it works.

Tom KI8W offered to open up the Radio Room on Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon. You can call him for an appointment to open up the Radio Room.

Thom is also going to check where Pay-Pal is at. What is it's status.

Steve said that Dayton has opened up reservations for Dayton 2018<sup>th</sup>.

Phil W8IPN asked if anybody knew of any licensed hams who lived the Veterans home. No body did.

Jack NY8D asked if the meeting date could be moved ahead at the IRA Swap event. Instead of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, move it later. Also, perhaps have Hamcon moved to September 28, 2018.. Jack will bring this up later.

Hank N8XX made a motion to adjourn: The meeting ended at 7:59PM

Respectively submitted

Rich K8JX Grara secretary.