

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association  
Executive Meeting Minutes  
December 04, 2019

The Executive Meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 6:56pm by President Thom Durfee (KI8W).

**President's Report:** **Thom Durfee (KI8W)**

The Open Radio Room will not be open on December 25th and January 1st due to the holidays. There will also not be an Executive Meeting on January 1st due to the holidays.

We will be having a club dinner and mini-swap at the January 3rd Business meeting.

Bob Moe (AC8ZX) and Thom Durfee (KI8W) worked on the 43ft vertical. The relay for the 160m portion of the antenna needed to be replaced. This has been fixed and is now working again.

**Vice President's Report:** **Jim Hessler (K8JH)**

No Report (Absent)

**Treasure Report:** **Steven Haueisen (KD8MEY)**

Starting balance: \$4493.46

Income:

Membership Dues: \$50

**Total Income:** \$50

Expenses:

New Hams Dinner: 30

**Total Expenses:** \$30

November closing balance: \$4513.46

**Secretary Report:** **Greg Stoike (KN4CK)**

No Report

**On-Air-Director Report:** **Mike Mc Donald (AA8MG)**

Mike (AA8MG) visited Calvin College and while there looked into potentially using the site for Field Day. Planning is ongoing.

Winter Field Day is January 25-26, 2020. We plan on operating in the Radio Room. Details as the contest nears.

**Off-Air-Director Report:** **Ron Fredricks (K8DMR)**

There are many options for presentations. The list includes: A DXpedition video, a smith chart explanation and demonstration, A presentation on FETs, and a tower safety video.

**Technical Director Report:**

**Stephen Provost (AC8QE)**

The storage area in the garage has been cleaned and mostly cleared out.

Stephen (AC8QE) and Tom (N8DGD) made a visit to the potential new transmitter site near 5 Mile Road NE and East Beltline Ave NE. They didn't have access to the site, but they were able to look around. This is ongoing.

There was a discussion on having a battery backup for the repeater. It was determined that for the use case of the repeater this wouldn't be a worthwhile expense.

**Director-at-Large:**

**Chris Longcore (KE8LQH)**

No Report

**Liaison Director Report:**

**Joe Bell (WD8USA)**

No Report (Absent)

**VE Team Report:**

**Stephen Provost (AC8QE)**

On November 8th at the Red Cross there was 1 testers who passed (Technician). The next testing session will be on December 13th.

**Trustee Report**

**Tom Hansen (N8DGD)**

*(Copied from the Technical Director Report)* Stephen (AC8QE) and Tom (N8DGD) made a visit to the potential new transmitter site near 5 Mile Road NE and East Beltline Ave NE. They didn't have access to the site, but they were able to look around. This is ongoing.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

We adjourned at 7:31pm.

Submitted by Greg Stoike (KN4CK), Secretary.