

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes

February 5th, 2016

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

President's Report

Tom Hansen, N8DGD: had the people introduce themselves.

VP Report

Mike Bottema, K8EX: No report

Secretary's Report: The secretary read the minutes from last months meeting: there was a correction. The sum 12600 only referred to the cost of the equipment. A question came up about what the "Boots" were about. Paul explained what they were for. That was all the corrections for last months secretaries report. Hank made a motion to approve and seconded by Rick. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA: make the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$6291.06. Bill Hayes made a motion to accept: seconded by Rick. It passed.

W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen: Tom has to update the Michigan Area Repeater Counsel report for W8DC.

On Air Director Report: Hank N8XX reported he will not be the Field Day Chairman any longer. His interest is now with setting up stations to operate "National Parks on the air. This is open all year long. He said he was swamped by contacts when he operated NP on-the-air. Log entries must be submitted to the Log Book of the World.. It is fun to operate. Jack Amelar NY8D said he has a map showing the areas where Ham's can operate. We thanked Hank for a job in running Field Day so successfully over the years.

President Tom N8DGD asked if there were anybody interested in taking up the Field Day event: Paul Rodgers agreed to be our next chairman. We will have a map on the Web site showing where the FD site will be.

Tom also inquired if anybody had a presentation they would like to give to the club. John Zut will have one on antennas.

Off Air Director Report: None

Tech. Director Report: The vender has approved to dress up the cable. They will start with the Mars equipment. Rich Douglas will buy the stripper, crimpers. President Tom N8DGD said the 6 meter repeater will be operational, but no time on that.

Member-At-Large Report: No report.

Red Cross Liaison Report: Jim Leys report: Red Cross meeting; Red Cross has many acronyms listed on paper.

Digital Rep. Report: No report

Web Master Report: Jack Amelar NY8D said he is going to correct the flyer for the "Get out of the Cabin West Michigan Dinner". Larc has not heard from MARA, but Rich Douglas KC8NKA has received a donation from them. They are participating this year. It is on February 27th.

VE Team Report: He had 8 examiners and 2 people taking the test: One individual passed.

Additional Club Reports : Jack invited people to attend the LARC meeting. This meeting they will have a talk about National Park's On-The Air.

Sky warn severe weather spotter training Feb 26,2016.

February 27th, Get out of the cabin Hams dinner. Flyer is being updated.

June 4th IRA swap:

August 8th "Spark in the Park"

Fall 2016, Grara Ham swap.

Old Business: President Tom wants current flyers on the October GRARA swap posted for distribution. A question asked about why the Alias callsigns were shown on QRZ Database. It is only to document previous callsigns.

New Business : Sky warn is holding their training on February 26, 2016, at 6:30PM at the Jenison Fine Arts center. They are allowing to set up tables: cost is \$10.00

On May 9th, 5/3 Riverbank run. Need volunteers.

For further information on National Parks on the Air, check out the Great Lakes Division web site.

Hank N8XX made a motion to end the meeting. Seconded by Steve. The meeting ended 7:53PM

Attendance:

Name	Call sign	ARRL Member
Stephen Provost	AC8QE	Yes
Jim Leys	K8CAN	Yes
Rich Douglas	KC8NKA	Yes
Ann Ingesell	KB8ZSX	Yes
Jack Amelar	NY8D	Yes
Joyce Douglas	KD8EMI	Yes
Bob tiemsrsome	no call	no
Gary Lauff	W8GI	No
Hank Greeb	N8XX	Yes
John Brocker	K9ZUT	Yes
Bill Hayes	KD8PZK	Yes
Rick Krickwa	K8THF	Yes
Paul Rogers	WX8TOW	Yes
Jack Kunnen	AB8ND	Yes
Tom Hanson	N8DGD	Yes
Rich Ranta	K8JX	No
Dustin Olsen	KD8PUZ	Yes
Frank Thompson	KD8QXC	Yes
John Bradley	AB8WT	Yes
Mike BARTOSIEWICZ	KB8RHR	No
Rich Webb	N8XXM	No
Bob sare	KD8VFC	No

Phil Nordstrand	W8PIN	Yes
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Jim VanMulsen	KB8QAQ	Yes
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