

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio
Association Board Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2019

The Board meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Thom KI8W.

President's Report

Starting Sunday, March 3, 2019, from 1PM to 4:30PM we'll have an additional Open Radio Room. Winter Field Day log was submitted to the people who operate it. We scored 188 points. Last year, 21450 points.

There will be a "Wire X" demonstration, how to setup Fusion to work with the network. On March 23th. From 12PM to 4PM.

Two meter net moved to the super system 147.260.

Thom also wanted to know if we wanted to do another "Linoleum adventure".

We will need a new Treasurer. Sometime in the near future.

The LARC has offered to let Phil use their on-line Quick Books to keep track of our treasury account.

Thom mentioned that the By-laws state we will need to appoint a treasurer at the next general meeting.

Tom N8DGD mentioned that the Highway Cleanup is held three times a year: Spring-Summer-Fall. We usually try to do it on a Tuesday night, if need be, we can re-schedule it to Thursday.

VE report;

Steve reported we had 2 people take the test: one technician and the other made General. The month before, we had 5 people take the test, 4 made General 2 Technician and 2 Extra. Out of the 24 people who took the test in a group, 4 made general, 2 made 2 Technician.

In April, we will give our first test to a visually handicapped person.

As far as Dayton Hamvention, there is a Central State University that is located 6 miles east of the Hamvention. \$65. For a double occupancy, \$75 for a single room Steve will post more later.

Steve will make a full report on the Technical status. There seems to be an interest in getting a packet station running again.

Red Cross Liaison.

January, they opened 7 shelters and provided 160 overnight stays. Distributed more than 530 relief items, served nearly 5900 meals and snacks with the Red Cross partners. They have been on standby for sheltering. Smoke alarm installed between April 28-May 13. May 10 for Grand Rapids. Creston Brewery on Plainfield is donating 10% of food and drink sales to Red Cross. This event will be on Feb 28th. AmeriCorps and Nikki will be there from 12-3. Stop by and say "Hi".

Trustee Report: NR

Secretary: Rich stated he had the QRM newsletter finished, but with the Silent Key, it's been postponed. He also said Jerry Wittoski, W8MSK received the West Michigan Ham of the Year award. He was totally surprised. Good Job Jerry.

On-The-Air: Greg said there is a contest coming up, Thom stated there is one this week also.

Treasurer's Report

Steve made the treasurer's report as of February 27th. \$3291.47

Vice President Jim mentioned that with club memberships expiring shortly, what normally happens: do we send postcards or e-mails reminding them of their membership. Jim also wanted to know about getting a list of hams for a membership drive. Also to invite new hams to joint GRARA.

Webmaster: NR

Old Business: NR

New Business Tom brought up holding a 50/50 drawing. We'd need tickets and shouldn't go beyond \$100.00. We then had a general discussion on going over the By-Laws. And also the OO programs.

Rich K8jX made a motion to adjourn ended at 7:45 PM
Respectively submitted
Rich K8JX Grara secretary.