Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes

January 8th, 2016

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:27pm by President, Tom Hansen.

President's Report

Tom Hansen, N8DGD: had the people introduce themselves to each other. He also congratulated Chris on earning his General class license. He thanked Jack A NY8D for bringing the donuts. The IRA repeater, 147.160MHZ repeater is back up in operation.

VP Report

Mike Bottema, K8EX: No report

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Secretary's Report: The secretary read the minutes from last months meeting: there was no corrections. Dustin made motion to accept and Rich D seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA: Rich KC8NKA had Rich K8JX make the treasurer's report. We have a balance of $6120.66.

W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen: No report given at this time.

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On Air Director Report: No report.

Off Air Director Report: Steven gave a presentation on features of the new Verizon tower. This was a video.

Tech. Director Report: After 9 months of planning, all the work is done. There were discussions before about leaving our tower intact, but the city's ordinance will not allow two towers on one commercial property. Plan B is where we're at now. Steve reported on how we're going to populate the tower with our amateur antennas. The total cost of this project was $12,600.00. We will need to purchase boots. They will cost $800.00. T & W will need to come out and certify the Red Cross system. We will also have left over cable. We now have two radio rooms. We discussed how they could be used. Radio Room A is primary.

Member-At-Large Report: No report.

Red Cross Liaison Report: The Red Cross is offering a disaster services drill. It will be next Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Please let the Liaison know if you're interested.

Digital Rep. Report: Tom stated we do not at present have a Digital Rep. person. He asked if Chris would be interested in fulfilling this area. Chris is going to think about it.

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Web Master Report: No report

VE Team Report: One individual passed his test.

Additional Reports : None

Old Business: Jack NY8D updated the National Parks on the Air. While it has been approved, it is not where it should be. Please contact your Representative and ask them to help pass the measure.

Tom N8DGD brought up that we may use September 24th, 2016 for the GRAHAM swap.

Tom K8TB shared that he has 12 people signed up for the general classs. He also stated that "Spark in the Part" will be on August 20, 2016. Rich D KC8NKA made a motion to authorize $80.00 towards GRARA's share for Spark in the park. It passed.

New Business : Sky warn is holding their training on February 26, 2016, at 6:30PM at the Jenison Fine Arts center. If your interested, contact the Sky Warn people. A motion was made to pay Steve $800.00 for the boots. Seconded by Paul. It passed. We decided to table the disposition of the old coax and purchasing the cable tools. Jack NY8D . stated that LARC would like other clubs to take over the New Hams Dinner. The general discussion came up with changing the name to West Michigan Hams Dinner. This would include HARC, LARC, MARA and GRARA. Tentatively, the date will be February 27, 2016. GRARA will take the lead on this.

Rich K8JX made a motion to end the meeting. Seconded by Joe. The meeting ended 8:31PM

Attendance:

Name	Call sign
Rich R	K8JX
Tom H	N8DGD
Dustin O	KD8PUZ
Cortland R	KASS
Jack A	NY8D
Ann I	KB8ZSX
Jim Leys	K8CAN
Tom B	K8TB
Tim F	K8THF
AnthongR	KA8RTS
John S	W8QZ
Chris B	N8OTB
Larry S	KF8HW
Rich H	
Lee V	
Joe B	WD8USA
Peter H	W8PD
Paul R	WX8TOW
Jack K	AB8ND
Rich D	KC8NKA
Stephen P	AC8QE