

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes

January 6th, 2017

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

President's Report

Tom Hansen, N8DGD. Tom reported he still has tickets for the Dayton. He also wants signs posted about the Radio Room.

VP Report

John Streyle W8QZ: Has a frequency allocation sheet available on the rear table.

Secretary's Report Rich K8JX Read the December minutes: there were 3 corrections made. Motion made to accept the corrected minutes: it passed.

Treasurer's Report

Philip N. W8IPN. We have a forward balance of \$5071.69. Phil will be sending a PDF of the report to officers. Motion to accept: Passed

W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen: Tom has the Technical Data sheets up todate.

On Air Director Report: Hank has had his hip replaced.

Off Air Director Report: Steve has a video on the repair of a Yaesu FT 1000MP

Tech. Director Report: Steve stated Tom Boscher has taken the TS-450. The data connectors need to be tested. Motion to accept: passed

Member-At-Large Report: No report

Red Cross Liaison Report: Jim reported the Red Cross has dealt with two fires. Provided needed services.

Digital Rep. Report: no report

Web Master Report: Tom is trying to reduce/eliminate the search engines that are soaking up our bandwidth. He will also be installing Word Press on Monday.

VE Team Report: 4 Passed 1 failed

Additional Reports no report

Old Business Tom wanted to contribute to the Spark in the park. It passed

New Business We had a discussion on Field Day in the winter and where to hold it. We decided we would hold inside the Red cross building.

Tom, who lives in an apartment, tried to load an antenna by loading one side of ladder line and using a balun. It works great.

Paul WX8TOW showed us a new coffee mug that has the GRARA logo on one side and the persons callsign on the other. The cost is \$1700.

After many years of leading the VE program, Rich D. KC8NKA is leaving the program. The new VE team participants will be Steven AC8QE, Tom KI8W and Tom N8DGD. They also will be using a new program Laurel VE testing. It is free and the callsign will be issued within 2 day. The further discussion was around how many testtters were required and if ARRL VE testtors can participate. Yes they can.

Steve made a motion to adjourn: seconded by Frank. The meeting ended at 8:10PM

Attendance

Tom H	N8DGD
Bob	KD8JFC
Frank	KD8QXC
Jack	AB8ND
John	W8QZ
Phillip N	W8IPN
Jim H	K8JH
Michael S	KB8KB
Thom D	KI8W

Nate H	N8THN
Jim L	K8CAN
Tom	K8TB
John B	K9ZLIT
Paul R	WX8TOW
Staci & Jiam	
Stephen P	AC8QE
Rob S	KD8VHN
Sue Behler	KC8IFP
Tom B	KB8TYJ
Richie Rich	
Rich D	KC8NKA
Rich R	K8JX