

**Grand Rapids Amateur Radio  
Association Meeting Minutes**

**January 5, 2018**

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:00pm by President Tom Hansen N8DGD. This was our Christmas Potluck banquet meeting.

**President's Report**

Tom Greeted everybody and had us introduce ourselves. He then used our structured agenda we developed at the board meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**VP Report**

John Streyle W8QZ. NR

**Treasurer's Report**

**Hank N8XX:** Due to the weather conditions, Hank submitted this report.

This is for December 31, 2017.

Stephen Provost requested a printer for the VE team's use. And I paid for it with personal credit card. I'll have a check for the pres. to sign at the meeting, if weather permits.

Also I read through the info about the PayPal account, and did not understand the login and password info, if it is given in that folder. I need help so I can pay bills from it and also transfer money from it to the checking account for those who wish to pay by PayPal. And, finally, I have some info on how to open the mailbox, but I think we should get three of us together and show me how this is done.

I like the idea of having an exec com meeting the Wednesday prior to the meeting date, so we can expedite the business part of the regular meeting.

73 from the frigid north of Rockford.

De n8xx hq

<b>Starting Balance</b>	<u>\$5,396.99</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$5594.83</b>

A motion to accept was made: Stephen seconded by Dustin It passed.

**On Air Director Report:**

Greg KN8CK the only item is Field Day in the winter. January 27-28, at 2pm in our radio room. Be there at noon.

Hank N8XX added that the ARRL is holding a "GRID CHASE" contest. To enter, just submit your log to the QSL of the world. You'll be automatically entered.

**Off Air Director Report:**

Dustin : May have someone coming to explain "Fusion". May happen in March.

**Tech. Director Report:**

Steve reported that the repeater had a lot of noise on it. Nathan, LARC's president and Steve went to the repeater site and replaced the UHF receiver. That seemed to fix the noise problem. They also have courtesy tones on that will indicate if the signal is coming from the UHF side, 2 short or the VHF side, 2 long. They are working on the 6 meter and 220 repeaters. We have a 220 radio, and need to mount the antenna on the tower. We then had a general discussion on using batteries' for emergency purposes and also locating a new tower site for our repeater.

**Member-At-Large Report:**

No report.

**Red Cross Liaison Report:**

Jim has the national report from the Red Cross for the year 2017. 615,000 received shelter. 7 million received emergency aid. 415,000 installed smoke detectors. 2; million gave blood.

**Digital Rep. Report:**

- Nothing to report

Web Master Report: Tom NR

**VE Team Report:** We had 4 people take tests: one passed the tech, then passed the general. His XYL passed the tech and then the general. We had one pass the tech, but failed the extra and one gent passed the tech.

**Additional Reports**

Tom K8TB has already received 15 signups for the extra class course. Starts January 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2018. Due to nasty weather, it was postponed till January 10, 2018.

Jack NY8D, wanted to remind folks about the Get out of the cabin- New Hams Dinner. It will be on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Pizza Ranch. More information on the web site.

Dave KF8QL invited all hams to the Michigan VHF-UHF society net, on Sunday night at 9:30PM. They meeting on USB on 144.155 Mhz. Dave has just been elected president.

Thom KI8W, made a motion to put the Club Meeting minutes on the web site: it was seconded, and passed.

**Old Business**

Steve attempted to secure a room for Dayton 2018. He was informed that facility isn't going to take reservations for Dayton participants. He is passing a signup sheet for folks wanting to attend Dayton 2018..

**New Business**

Steve mentioned that LARC had helped us with the repeater trouble, and was asking if the club would donation \$200.00 to LARC. They have an IFR and they wanted an estimate on what it would cost to calibrate it: The Company went ahead and performed the calibration without contacting LARC. The cost is \$1900.00. Steve made a motion to donate \$200.00 LARC: seconded by Thom KI8W. It passed.

Steve also mentioned that the Red Cross is setting up a new communications system and they will need two volunteers to monitor the system. This would take place at the Red Cross Building. They will provide the training.

Hank N8XX made a motion to adjourn: The meeting ended at 7:35PM

Respectively submitted

Rich K8JX Grara secretary.