

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes

July 8th, 2015

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:26pm by President, Tom Hansen.

President's Report

Tom Hansen, N8DGD: Tom had Joe Bell WD8USA give a presentation on packet and a new program he is using. It allows scheduling contacts and automatically scheduling a session. It will also allow sending Radiograms. The system is really fast, compared to other packet systems. For further information, contact Joe WD8USA.

Tom then proceeded to give the Field Day 2016 report. Our operation ran on 100% emergency power. We made 225 CW contacts (thanks to Hank!) and 135 Phone contacts. The point total was 1170 total, but may be adjusted when the ATV contacts are counted.

Hank gave his report that we had 5 or 6 operators and we needed more. It was a fun time for all who did show and operate.

VP Report

Mike Bottema, K8EX Not Present

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Secretary's Report Richie K8JX made the May 2016 report. No corrections were made.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA Rich D KC8NKA we have a balance forward of \$3481.11.

W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen nothing to report.

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On Air Director Report: Hank reported on several contests going on in the coming weeks. These will be on the HF bands.

Off Air Director Report: Dustin thanked Joe Bell WD8USA for the demonstration he gave on packet.

Tech. Director Report: Steve said we borrowed WA8AAT's weed wacker, but somebody had already taken care of the site. That was our contribution to the I.R.A. 92 st site. Steve hasn't heard any reply from the controller company.

Member-At-Large Report: No report.

Red Cross Liaison Report: The Red cross will be holding a session in September. More information to follow as it is available.

Digital Rep. Report: No report.

Web Master Report: No report.

VE Team Report: The last group who took their exams finally had their exams go through the ARRL. There were problems with the FCC, ARRL and the USPS. He had 3 pass tonight.

Additional Reports no report.

Old Business No Old Business.

New Business Rich D said we need to renew our Post Office Box: that is \$86.00 for a year and also the State of Michigan incorporation fee, of \$20.00 per year. Both passed. Tom N8DGD said even though it isn't nominating time, he would like to nominate John, W8QZ to fulfill the Vice President office. Mike K8EX has health issues which will need his full attention. John agreed and we voted: John was elected V.P. for the rest of the term.

John suggested we purchase an additional climbing belt. In the case one climber gets into trouble, there is only one belt. We're tableting the purchase of \$300.00 for the belt till we get other quotes.

Sam Nabkey K8SN, asked why the 6 meter repeater wasn't on the air. It appeared it was located on the tower. Tom Stated we need a new transmitter. They are going to investigate getting a new transmitter for 6meters.

Hank mentioned that LARC will be holding a swap at the Lowell High school We need to look this up, not a lot of us knew about it.

Tom mentioned there is a 50 foot tower for sale. Contact him for further information. He also showed the GRARA coffee mugs and Sam K8SN's Badges. They are neat and use the newly designed logo. Sam is taking orders for these.

Tom also said we are having an adopt a highway clean up on 7/19. More information will be on the repeater.

We ended by asking the secretary to contact Dave KF8QL regarding updating the web site. Meeting ended at 8:40PM

Respectively submitted
Rich K8JX secretary.

Attendance

NAME	Call Sign	ARRL
Ron Karger	AB8DT	NO
James Deite		No
John Brocker	k9lut	yes
Dustin Olsen	KD8PVZ	no
Paul Rodgers	WX8TOW	yes
Rich Rodgers	KE8DYG	yes
Stephen Provost	Ac8QE	Yes
Jim Leys	k8can	yes
Bob moe	ac8zx	yes
Sam Nabkey	K8SN	yes
Phillip norcktrand	w8ipn	yes
Hank Greeb	N8XX	yes
Thom durfee	wi8w	yes
Marc Veeneiyan	w8sdg	yes
John streyle	w8qz	yes
Tim friske	k8thf	yes
Narj van dueoanbis	ke8aex	no
Frank meeellland	kd8ohs	yes
Robert robinson	kd8hnf	yes
Richie Rich		
Ed Novakoski	N8uxn	yes
Tom Hansen	n8dgd	yes
Rich Ranta	k8jx	no