

**Grand Rapids Amateur Radio
Association Meeting Minutes**

March 2, 2018

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

President's Report

Tom Greeted everybody and had us introduce ourselves He reminded us that club dues are due at this time.

VP Report

John Streyle W8QZ. John is collecting dues for Hank N8XX. VP. NR

Treasurer's Report

Hank: wasn't present.

The below was reported at the board meeting. 2/28/2018

Beginning Balance: \$5678.84

Ending Balance: \$4166.53

Hank has also received a donation for \$150.00 that was supposed to be here last year
A motion to accept was made: and passed as read.

Secretary; The secretary read the Board meeting minutes from 2/28/2018. These minutes will have to be approved at the next Board meeting. Several members asked to have the secretary read the February 2, 2018 club minutes. There was a correction: Steven didn't receive the money, Hank N8XX did. The minutes were approved.

On Air Director Report:

Greg KN4CK : The CQ-World Wide contest will be held on 3/25/2018 to 3/26/2018. This is a 24 hour contest.

Off Air Director Report:

Dustin : NR

Tech. Director Report:

We are still looking for a site to install the 147.260 Mhz repeater. May is the date we will have to be gone. We're going to let the current radiating equipment stay on the tower: we have no plans to salvage the gear. A contingency plan would be to install the 260 on the 760 site till we find a suitable repeater site.

Member-At-Large Report:

No report.

Red Cross Liaison Report:

Jim: The Red Cross has stated they will be installing smoke detectors in April.

Digital Rep. Report:

- Nothing to report

VE Team Report: Steven reported that on the February 9th session, they had 13 take the test.; 6 General 2 Extra and 4 Tech..

Additional Reports Tom, K8TB, A "Tune-Up In the Park" Fox Hunting exercise will be held on April 28, 2018 sponsored by the Lowell ARC, the Allegan ARC, the Holland ARC, and the Grand Rapids ARA.

Whether you are just beginning to be interested in Fox Hunting or you are a grizzled veteran, plan on being at Douglas-Walker Park on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Web Master: Thom reported everything is going ok. He does need Hank N8XX to pay the hosting bill.

Old Business: Dayton is set. We have 8 signed up and can accommodate 2 more. Robert Has offered to take his 35 foot RV to Dayton. Need to contact Robert and let him know how many will go with him.

New Business

Joe WD8USA reported that the Sky Warn session was very well attended. Tom N8DGD asked Joe to explain about the major changes that are going to happen to RACES. Joe explained that the structure of the organization is now completely different. There were many questions on how this will effect current members and who will be responsible for the operation. More on this later.

Joe stated, in his opinion, "That our hobby is being replaced by newer technology". Greg: wanted to know if anybody could help him go over the By-laws. Phil was asked but hasn't made a commitment to join the group. Steven said he would help.

Dustin made a motion to adjourn: The meeting ended at 8:14PM

Respectively submitted
Rich K8JX Grara secretary.