

**Grand Rapids Amateur Radio
Association Meeting Minutes**

March 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:59PM.

President's Report

Thom shared that our treasurer, our friend, Hank Greeb N8XX, has passed away. He then made an announcement that Phillip was in the hospital with knee surgery. He passed around a Sympathy card for all of us to sign. He then reminded us that this starts a new membership year. He then had us introduce ourselves.

Thom then made an announcement that starting this coming Sunday at 1PM there will be an additional Open-Radio-Room till 4:30PM. This will be an ongoing event. The Tuesday night Net has moved from the 146.760Mhz repeater to the super system, 147.260Mhz repeater. We have some folks here tonight to talk about fusion. On March 23th, from Noon to 4PM, we'll have a C4FM setup event. We will have another linoleum sales event. Before the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Steve is performing treasurers' duties till one can be appointed/ elected. He will visit Hank's XYL this weekend to pick up the treasurer's materials.

We had an ending balance \$3291.47

As of February 2019.

Ron K8DMR made a motion to accept: seconded by Tom N8DGD. Motion passed.

Secretary: Read the minutes from the February 27th, 2019 board meeting. Motion to accept: Ron seconded by Tom. It passed.

On-Air-Director

Greg wasn't present. Thom mentioned the ARRL 160 Meter Dx contest is this weekend. (3/2-3/2019) SSB

Red X: Jim didn't have any new information from what has already been reported and presented to the club.

Technical Report:

Steve reported on projects that are going on. The second repeater can't access the internet. Ron and Steve will try to work on it. There is also an interest in establishing a packet system. Tom K8TB said we could use his groups 145,070. We're also talking about putting a more efficient antenna on the hospital, for greater coverage.

Tom N8DGD hasn't received a reply from the MARC regarding the waiver for the other repeater.

VE: We had two VE sessions in January. With the 25 group, we had 2 generals and 7 techs pass.

General comments: Thom wanted to know if we wanted to take up a collection for Hank's wife. We will. Thom wanted to know if anybody

was going to the funeral tomorrow: he has a certificate for Hanks wife from the Red Cross.

Thom made a motion to adjourn: Seconded by Rich the meeting ended at 7:23 PM
Respectively submitted
Rich K8JX Grara secretary.

After the General meeting, we had a presentation on the Yaesu Fusion system, and in particular, The West Michigan System Fusion network.

Mike, N8UKF gave the presentation. He shared how the system linked to other system and answered questions from the membership. For more information, you can go to www.wm-connect.com.