

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes

May 6th, 2016

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

President's Report

Tom Hansen, N8DGD: had the people introduce themselves. We had the adopt a highway clean up on April 26th. Thanks to all who volunteered to perform this needed work. Special thanks to Jack for reminding the local hams of the event.

The results of the Michigan QSO party: we worked more than 100 stations. We met with the Kent school folks and answered any concerns they had and we explained what we would be doing.

VP Report

Mike Bottema, K8EX: No report

Secretary's Report: The secretary read the minutes from last month's meeting: there was a corrections. FRM is really FRN .Ron made a motion to accept- seconded by Frank. The motion

Passed.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA: make the treasurer's report. Rich started a new job and is busy adjusting to its demands. The balance forward is \$2827.56.

W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen: nothing to report.

On Air Director Report: There are several QSO parties going on: most are SSB. New England and two others. Indiana, and Delaware. North country Trail and National Lake Share are operational.

Off Air Director Report: No report.

Tech. Director Report: We had several folks show up to help clean up the Red Cross area. The network is set up and now is operational. We need folks to help clean up and mow the grass at the pettice site. We'll try and meet there at May 12th. We haven't heard anything about vacating the petties site.

Member-At-Large Report: No report.

Red Cross Liaison Report: The people were very pleased by our efforts in helping to

install the smoke alarms.

Digital Rep. Report: No report

Web Master Report: Dave, KF8QL shared he is going to update the site with the minutes.

VE Team Report: Rich had only one not make it and 5 who did.

Public information-Officer Jack shared the local Ham Swaps coming up. He reminded us that our next club meeting will be at the I.R.A. Road Kill Chilli event . LARC will hold their club meeting next week. There are changes coming to the LARC High School Ham club. It would be nice if during Dayton, if somebody would watch the stuff on the tables so other members could tour Dayton.

Additional Club Reports: No report.

Old Business: Antenna work is scheduled for Wednesday. Need to repair antennas and take down the vertical. Tower work too.

Paul WX8TOW reported that we do have a firm location for Field Day: Kenowa Hills. We'll be operating 2A and have a GOTA station. They have bathrooms and the concession stand will be open. We are tabling our visit to the site till later. Tom said we need volunteers to be captains of the station. We could use a VHF-UHF station.

Dayton: we have tickets available. Our table will be next to LARC.

Paul has modified our club banner: it is really neat. Only suggestion was to increase the W8DC call sign. We can also get club tee-shirts with either ARRL, or GRARA logos on them.

We had a question dealing with QSL-of the world card size.

New Business: No new business.

Hank made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Frank.

Meeting ended at 7:50PM

Respectively submitted
GRARA Secretary Rich K8JX

Attendance:

Name	Call sign	ARRL Member
Tom Hansen	N8DGD	Yes

Rich Ranta	K8JX	no
Ed novakowski	N8UXN	Yes
Frank Thompson	KD8QXC	yes
Dustin Olsen	KD8PUZ	yes
John Streyle	W8QZ	yes
Paul Rodgers	WX8TOW	yes
Jim leys	K8CAN	Yes
Mike Bottema	K8EX	yes
Jack Amlelar	NY8D	yes
Ann Ingersoll	KB8ZSX	Yes
Jack Kunnen	AB8ND	yes
Anthony R Krzykwa	KA8RTS	yes
Tim friske	K8THF	yes
Franklin C McClelland	KD8OHS	yes
Jerry Glya	AC8QC	yes
Bob Keller	KC8DPS	
Rob Schroeder	KD8VHV	no
Lee vanderbar		
John Ley	N8VLJ	no
Rich Hartney		
Hank Greeb	N8XX	yes
Michael Stark	KB8KB	Yes
John Key	N8VLJ	no
Bob Sare	KD8VFC	no
John Rau	W6PSK	no

Philip Nortvstrunet	W8IPN	yes
Dave DeVos	KF8QL	YES
Tim Friske	K8THF	yes
Rick Krzykwa	KA8RTS	yes
Bob Keller	KE8DPS	yes
Dave Ed	AC8AB	yes
Bill Isenbera	KE8EAG	no
Bob Robmson	KD8HAP	yes
Warren Jackson	W8AYC	no
Evelyn Tompson	KB8ILI	no
Carl Tompson	WA8AAT	Yes
Mike Bottem	K8EX	yes