

# Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

## Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2017

The minutes were recorded due to the secretary being absent. The nature of dictation may have caused some lapse in recorded minutes.

### **President's Report**

Tom Hansen, N8DGD made opening remarks thanking the people who showed up for the highway cleanup. We could have used more, but 4 folks gave of their time in performing the cleanup operation.

### **VP Report**

John Steyle W8QZ Nothing to report

**Secretary's Report** Tom Hansen read the April club minutes. The secretary wasn't present. There wasn't any corrections. They were accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Phil W8IPN gave the treasurer's report: we have a balance of \$4172.68. Phil suggested we should be thinking about developing another source of income. Tom pointed out that our estate sales has brought in some funds. What we need to do is determine how much we're going to need to meet our commitments.

### **W8DC Trustee Report:**

Tom Hansen N8DGD. Nothing to report.

**On Air Director Report:** Hank is recuperating from hip surgery and will be unavailable for a while. Jim Leys K8CAN gave Hanks report. They have checked out the Field Day site and found it was adequacy ok for RF propagation. They made 20 contacts while testing the area. Hank had Jim pass around a signup sheet for the Field day operation: we need to have an idea who is going to be doing what. The more the merrier.

**Off Air Director Report:** Dustin KD8PVZ. Isn't present but Ron AB8DT is going to put on a demonstration of C4FM. This will be after the normal club meeting.

**Tech. Director Report:** Steve AC8QE explained the status of the link system we have in operation. The New Yaesu Fusion repeater has been sent in to be upgraded. It should be back in service shortly. Steve has tickets to sell for the Dayton Hamvention. Steve explained how the new flea sales will work. The sellers must remove their stuff by dark. The area has a double purpose.

**Steve made a motion to purchase a computer for the 6.76 repeater site** so the software upgrading can be accomplished easier. The amount \$79.00 it was approved

**Member-At-Large Report:** No report.

**Red Cross Liaison Report:** Jim stated the Red Cross needs volunteers to provide communications from 9 to 6.

**Digital Rep. Report: NR**

**Web Master Report:** Tom KI8W gave information on 10-10 contests and other contests going on. He has also put on a link detailing all that he's done to the site. He also has a new video link installed.

**VE Team Report:** we had 1 take the exam, he passed to general.

**Additional Reports** The IRA will be holding a Noon time net , Monday, Wednesday and Friday. At noon.

**Old Business none**

**New Business** Joe bell WD8USA shared what was going on with the tower.

Tom reminded members that the next GRARA meeting will be held at the IRA Friday

A motion was made by everybody to adjourn the meeting. At 8pm.  
Respectively submitted Rich K8JX club secretary.