

**Grand Rapids Amateur Radio  
Association**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 1, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM.

**President's Report**

Thom wanted to know when the repeater courtesy tone would be back on: it's been off for 2 weeks. Thom also announced that the Cadillac Ham swap will be this Saturday. Thom reminded us that this coming Friday will be our General meeting. Also, the June meeting will be at the IRA Road kill Chili event: we're hold the meeting after we're done with eating.

May 11, Th. We're going to have some tower work done. Pete will be doing work on the Verizon tower and at 2PM, John will be here to climb our (Grara) tower. He'll be putting up a cross bar and an antenna. Internet is down.

**Treasurer's Report**

Steve, our newly elected treasurer, gave his report.

**We had a starting balance of: \$3797.07**

**Our ending balance is: \$4186.65.**

**Technical Report:** Steve reported that the internet is working, except on the laptop Thom mainly uses. The other laptop may have corrupted files. Tom Hansen sent Steve paper work from the Repeater counsel: one city, Flint has the primary use while we've been placed on secondary use. Steve is going to investigate. He also is going to donate an antenna to the club, perhaps for the Go station. Thom brought up how would we lend out the Go radio and gear and how to keep track of it.

We then had a discussion on the makeup of the Go kit. It is too heavy without anything in it. We also discussed placement of the GO kit and who would get it. How to keep track of it.

**On-Air-Director**

Greg said we made 100 contacts during the Michigan QSO contest. Over 8000 points.

FD: this year we're planning on having one CW, one SSB and one Digital station. Digital modes: FT-8, PSK and others.

Cedar Springs has to ratify our request to use the park.

Greg wanted to test out the network to be sure it is working. We then discussed the Pot-luck. Joe Bell, WD8USA will be in charge of the food.

Thom asked how the Constitution and By-Laws team is doing. Greg said they have a rough draft and are now working on Membership. Greg thinks they will be done by the end of the year. We then had a discussion on the clubs cycles: fiscal, membership and election.

**RED Cross:** Next Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Smoke alarm installation. Volunteers need to bring their Handy-Talkies. Be sure they are charged. Roadside pickup was a success. Thom hasn't heard from K8DMR regarding presentation at the Friday meeting.

Steve made a motion to adjourn: Seconded by Thom the meeting ended at 7:18 PM

Respectively submitted  
Rich K8JX Grara secretary.