

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes

November 4th, 2016

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:05pm by President, Tom Hansen.

President's Report

Tom Hansen, N8DGD Tom had us introduce ourselves. He then gave us a preview of tonight's meeting: election of officers. He then went through the list of nominations. All current officers accepted their office for 2017. There were two nominations: Web Master Dave DeVos and Tom Durfee. For Treasurer Rich Douglas and Phil Nordstrand, Jr. Ron K8DMR prepared the voting ballots.

VP Report

John Streyle W8QZ. NR

Secretary's Report

Rich Ranta K8JX

Rich read October's club minutes. There were no corrections to the report.

Motion to accept by Ed N8UXN, Seconded by Ron K8DMR

Treasurer's Report

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA

Rich made the treasurer's report: we had a beginning balance of \$4691.91. we have an end balance of \$5413.94.

Motion to accept by Tom, seconded by Dustin.

W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen

Tom has submitted the TDS (technical data sheet) to the MIARC. He has a few more to submit.

On Air Director Report: NR

Off Air Director Report: Dustin will be showing a video on a Tecktonics osillascope at the end of the meeting.

Tech. Director Report:

Steve has his friend check out the twin towers with their quad copters. Radio room still needs work on the high speed internet. Steve checked with Comcast, and they are too expensive for us. He showed the diagram of the microwave disc and the internet units. He has raised \$3750.00 for the cost of the equipment. He also repaired a jumper at the 92nd street site.

Dustin made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Ed. It passed.

Member-At-Large Report: NR

Red Cross Liaison Report: The smoke alarm installation was postponed till November 12th. It will be at Duttin.

Digital Rep. Report: NR

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Web Master Report: NR. But suggested it needs to be updated.

VE Team Report:

Rich reported 2 applicants passed the VE exam.

Additional Reports

The IRA repeater organization is in need of volunteers and financial income. If you wish to help them out, please contact them.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

The results of the election of officers: For Treasurer, Phil W8IPN has been elected for treasurer. Tom Durfee KI8W has been elected for Web master. We congratulated the two people for their new positions. We then thanked Rich Douglas KC8NKA for his years of service as our treasurer.

Jerry W8MSK made a motion to change the check authorization signatures by January 1, 2017.

We then had a general discussion around getting a debit card for the clubs use. We tabled voting on this till the next meeting. Motion made by Jerry and seconded by Tom. It passed.

Rich D. also stated we need to get someone to take over the PO Box responsibilities. Rich D also said he would volunteer to secure the Home School building for GRARA's swap.

Dustin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich R seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:12PM.

Attendance

Name	Call sign	ARRL member
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Tom Hansen	N8DGD	Yes
Greg Stoke	KN4CK	no
Bob Sare	KD8VFC	yes
Thom Durfee	KI8W	Yes
Bob Keller	KE8DPS	yes
Bob Moe	AC8ZX	Yes
Frank Mcllenceand	KD8OHS	Yes
Robert Robinson	KD8HNP	yes
Kreigh Tomaszewsi	KE8EAL	yes
Rich Hartney		
Anne I	KB8ZSX	yes
Jack Amerlar	NY8D	yes
Marc Veeneman	W8SDG	yes
Ed N.	N8UXN	yes
Philip N.	W8IPN	yes
Stephen P.	AC8QE	yes
Ron Fredricks	K8DMR	yes
John Streyle	W8QZ	yes
Dustin Olsen	KD8PVZ	yes
Rich D.	KC8NKA	yes
Jerry W.	W8MSK	
Jim Leys	K8can	yes
Rich R	K8JX	no
John Bandley	AB8WT	yes
Sam Nabkey	K8SN	