

# Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

## Meeting Minutes

November 3,, 2017

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:05pm by. President Tom Hansen N8DGD.

### President's Report

Tom Greeted everybody and had us introduce ourselves. Tom then stated that tonight was also nominations and elections of new officers.

### VP Report

John Streyle W8QZ. Not present.

### Secretary's Report

Rich K8JX; Read the October club minutes.

Motion to accept: Dustin Seconded by Frank. It passed.

### Treasurer's Report

#### Phil W8IPN:

Beginning Balance	\$5,452.76
1. Current Receipts	102,50
2. Current Disbursements	(166.77)
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$5,388.49</b>
3. Current Balance (the math)	\$5,388.49
4. Anticipated Receipts	30.00
5. Outstanding Commitments	(189.46)
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$5,229.03</b>

Phil also filed the documents for the IRS 501c. and the state. Also our constitution Requires a annual report, which Phil handed out.

Motion to accept; By Dustin, and Tom. The report was accepted.

Also Thanks to Jerry W8MSK and Sue KC8IFC for doing the review of the books.

Jerry: He did a sample of the entries and everything seemed ok. Only problem was outstanding checks that haven't came back yet.

The report and Jerry's statement were accepted.

( I've included Phil's entire report and annual report on the last page)

### W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen: nothing to report. Get out on the repeaters.

**On Air Director Report:**

Hank N8XX: Had Thom KI8W make the report on the contest that went over 48 hours. Total contacts: 433 contact. Total operation time: 36 hr. 21 mintues.

Result will be published in CQ magazine next June.

Hank: ARRL sweetstakes this coming weekend, but we can't use the GRARA Radio room: floor work. There is another contest in November in two weeks. Hank sent around a list for people to sign up.

FD will be on 23 June and 24 June. Should we go to Cedar Springs again. We will get our desposit back if we clean it up. The City was happy with our performance in cleaning up.

Red Cross is in need of volunteers to go to Hurricane areas. They are training people in one or two days.

March 31th, a whole day of Hell Michigan. Hank has a cabin for 4 people. 110 miles from here to Hell, MI.

**Off Air Director Report:**

Dustin is looking for people to bring demonstrations or provide ideas for presentations. Bob Anderson, N8ZVX shares his accomplishments with us. He build an enclosure for his battery and charger. Bob then had an open discussion on antenna's, taps, baluns. We thanked Bob for sharing his experience.

**Tech. Director Report:**

Steve Thanked all who did the work in the Radio Room. He noticed the performance of the antenna's over this past weekends contest. This didn't effect the contacts that were made. May 18, 2018 is when the Pettis site will be gone. We need to find another site for the repeater. Steve is open to suggestions.

Steve thanked Ron AB8DT for installing the Fusion repeater.

The Red Cross will be working on the floors over this weekend.

Greg didn't have anything to add on the digital/video.

**Member-At-Large Report:**

No report. Tom did check the petist site: the lawn has been mowed.

**Red Cross Liaison Report:**

Jim: The Red Cross They are still busy with Hurricane clean up. They are looking for volunteers. Nothing further about smoke detectors.

**Digital Rep. Report:**

- Nothing to report

**Web Master Report:**

Tom has heard nothing about the internet name. Tom has no video due to broke camera

We then held Election and nomination of officers.

Ron K8DMR. Is chairing the Nominating committee.

First, we ask if the existing officers want to stay.

President Tom H. N8DGD, John S.W8QZ, Thom KI8W

Vice President: John S W8QZ

Treasurer Thom KI8W, Rich D. KC8NKA, Hank N8XX

Secretary. Rich K8JX

On-Air-Director: Hank N8XX

Off-Air-Director Dustin KD8PVZ

Tech Steven AC8QE

Member-at-large: Bob Moe

Web Master: Thom KI8W

Rec Cross Liason: Jim K8CAN

The member's switched positions and we ended up with.

Voting for Presiden: Thom Ki8W Tom N8DGD

Treasurer: Thom KI8W, Rich D KC8NKA and Hank N8XX

Tom closed the nominations.

Made a motion to accept the existing officers: It passed.

After the vote was tabulated,

We ended up with Tom H. N8DGD as president

Hank N8XX as treasurer.

The new On-The-Air director: Greg KN4CK.

### **VE Team Report:**

On October -13 Friday, we had 11 8 gen 1 tech

10-18-2017 2 tech. 1 general

### **Additional Reports**

Tom KI8W: we had a visitor: kd8afs who now lives in Florida.

He is the president of a Motorola ham club.

### **Old Business**

No OB

### **New Business**

Jack NY8D wanted to know if there was any interest in touring the Pyramid , Switch's new building. Jack doesn't have a date, but is asking if there is interest in the tour.

Is there any interest in Holding "New Hams Dinner". They have been holding it at the Golden Coral. Will talk to Cory Gram, KD8SZZ, MARA's president about the requirements at the Golden Coral.. Jack discussed other alternative restaurants. Pizza Ranch.

Tom will contact Cory.

Tom K8TB is starting an Extra class in January 3th. It will go for 10 weeks. In the Red cross building. This is on a Wednesday. Cost is \$20.00

We discussed holding the after Christmas party. January 5<sup>th</sup>. We need to spend \$ 75.00 for meat and a dish to pass.

Joe, KD8USA stated there is a Races and Ares is having a broadcast this November. This will be a high power broadcast. This Saturday 10PM channel one, Sunday 15z 13483.5.

Elections are over.

Hank N8XX made a motion to adjourn: seconded by Dustin.

The meeting ended at 8:54PM

Respectively submitted

Rich K8JX Grara secretary.

**GRARA Treasurer Report****October 2017 (November Meeting)****1. Current Receipts**

Dues	102.50
Donations, unspecified	0.00
Donations, specified	0.00
Sales	<u>0.00</u>
	\$102.50

**2. Current Disbursements**

Home School Building donation	(100.00)
State of MI Corporate filing	(20.00)
QTH (w8dc.org registration)	(13.32)
Postage	<u>(33.45)</u>
	(\$166.77)

**3. Current Balance (the math)**

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**4. Anticipated Receipts**

Dues	0.00
Sales proceeds	0.00
Donations, unspecified	0.00
Donations, specified	<u>30.00</u>
	\$30.00

**5. Outstanding Commitments**

QTH	(30.00)
Projects?	0.00
Repairs?	0.00
Repeater/Dig Link Reserve	<u>(159.46)</u>
	(\$189.46)

**6. The Outlook (the math)**

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*This is the data worksheet for the Treasurer's Report Power Point data slides.*

**GRARA 2017 budget worksheet.xls**

		YTD
<b>Income:</b>		
Beginning Balance (as of 12/31/2016):		4,601.69
x Paid memberships (equiv: 42 full paid mbrs)	20.2%	1,060.00
x GRAHamfest receipts (tables, tickets)	36.2%	1,903.10
x GRAHamfest concession receipts	7.1%	371.00
x "Spark Park" concession receipts	0.0%	0.00
x General Class tuition receipts (1/2 w/ Holland)	2.1%	110.00
x Donations, specified	3.0%	157.30
x Donations, unspecified	1.9%	101.70
Sale proceeds	29.6%	1,555.30
	5,258.40	<hr/>
		9,860.09
<b>Expense:</b>		
x State of Michigan LARA filing		20.00
x Insurance (liability, equipment, dishonesty)		430.00
x USPS POB 3282		90.00
x Web site (QTH: .net, .org, GRAHamfest.org))		26.64
x Sponsorship: Red Cross		250.00
Picnic Table: Red Cross		188.74
Misc: Red Cross		41.29
Organizational infrastructure:	1,046.67	23.4%
x Sponsorship: "Out of the Cabin"		30.00
x Sponsorship: "Spark in the Park"		40.00
x VE testing supplies (ink / postage)		87.49
x Dayton travel expense (fuel, trailer rental for return trip)		200.00
x Dayton flea market space		100.00
x Field Day food expense		49.62
x "Spark Park" concession expense		0.00
x GRAHamfest postage cost		387.50
x GRAHamfest card stock cost		85.03
x GRAHamfest space expense		580.00
x GRAHamfest concession expense		216.00
Programming:	1,775.64	39.7%
x Independent Repeater Assoc (repeater site)		250.00
x Communication Specialists (6m tower site rental)		300.00
FreedomNet (92nd St data link install)		299.39
Fusion Repeater firmware upgrade shipping		88.95
Wires-X HRI-200 purchase		124.95
Fusion Repeater upgrade		500.00
Kasperski AntiVirus Software		66.00
Go-Kit case drawer unit		25.00
Repeater / data link:	849.39	19.0%
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		5,383.49
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<b>10/31/2017</b>		
<b>Income less expense, YTD:</b>	\$781.80	85.1%

**2018 Projection**

"x" Income (no sales):	\$3,703.10
"x" Less Expense:	<u>\$3,142.28</u>
	\$560.82