

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association  
Business Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2018

The board meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7pm by Vice President John Streyle, W8QZ.

**President's Report:**

NR, absent.

**Vice President's Report:**

Final nominations were taken for the officer elections and then nominations were closed. A proposal was made for casting a unanimous ballot for the positions that won due to no opposition and passed.

Before elections each candidate for president gave a statement.

Elections were conducted and Thom Durfee KI8W won as president.

Our officers for the next year are as followed:

President:	Thom Durfee (KI8W)
Vice President:	Jim Hessler (K8JH)
Secretary:	Richard Ranta (K8JX)
Treasurer:	Hank Greeb (N8XX)
Director-at-Large	Bob Moe (AC8ZX)
On Air Director	Greg Stoike (KN4CK)
Off Air Director	Ron Fredricks (K8DMR)
Red Cross Liaison	Jim Leys (K8CAN)
Technical Director:	Steve Provost (AC8QE)

**Treasure Report:**

See Attached.

**Secretary Report:**

NR, absent.

**On-Air Report:**

We participated in CQWW SSB on October 27-28. We made 114 contacts all around the world. We will be participating in the ARRL Sweepstakes SSB on November 17-19 starting at 4pm on November 17.

**Off-Air Report:**

NR, absent.

**Technical Director Report:**

Tom (KI8W) and Bob (AC8ZX) talked about the new 43 ft vertical.

**Director-at-Large:**

NR.

**Red Cross Liaison Report:**

Gave un facts about the latest disaster.

On the latest smoke alarm install there were about 20 smoke alarms installed at 10 different locations.

**VE Team Report:**

We had two people who passed, 1 technician and 1 technician + general.

On January 12, 2019 the Michigan Volunteer Defence Force 5th Battalion will be having a ham-in-a-day session. There will be 25 who will be taking tests. We will need VE volunteers to show up at 3:00pm and the testing session will be at 3:30pm.

A proposal was made to purchase 25 (\$10 each) No-Nonsense books from KB6NU. Passed.

**Webmaster Report:**

NR.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Kreigh Tomaszewski (KE8EAL) gave a discussion on using RF to collect data on wildlife for the zoo. There was a proposal to use our tower to house antennas and a proposal for interest in helping them. Both passed.

There was a outage of our internet at our 92nd Street due to a fiber cut. It was repaired temporarily until it can be fixed permanently at a later date.

We will be having a Holiday Party in January. Please bring items. It will be potluck style.

We will be having a small swap meet before the next meeting. Bring anything you want to sell.

Hank made a motion to adjourn and we did so.

Submitted by Greg Stoike, KN4CK, On-Air Director filling in for the secretary.