

# **Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 6:58pm by President, Tom Hansen.

Tom gave a short introduction by having us introduce each of us.

### **President's Report**

Tom Hansen, N8DGD

Tom reported that the adopt a Highway program was done for the year and we had 4 members show up to clean the highway. Tom thanked the four people who showed up. The location of the next years Dayton Ham fest is still up in the air.

### **VP Report**

John Streyle W8QZ

Nothing to report

### **Secretary's Report**

**Rich K8JX** Read the September club minutes. There were not corrections: Tom made motion to accept and seconded by Rich . It passed

### **Treasurer's Report**

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA

We have a balance forward of 2161.00

We made, after all the bills were paid for the swap, 419.78

Rich made a motion to accept seconded by Dustin: it passed.

### **W8DC Trustee Report:**

Tom Hansen no report.

**On Air Director Report:** Hank was not present, but left a hand out with information on an on air event that is scheduled to next year. The Field Day will have a GOTO station and will be classified 2A. this will be held at pine Park.

### **Off Air Director Report:**

**Dustin kd8pvz**

Dustin has a video on transmission lines he is going to show after the meeting.

**Tech. Director Report:**

Steven ac8qe

They have been testing the new beam setup and made long path and short path contacts. At 1030AM, Steven has a gyro copter coming over to video film the GRARA Tower and the Verizon tower and the respective antennas. Steven was thanked for doing a lot of the leg work he's done with this project. Tom thanked everybody who helped with the tower project. We now need to mount the Red Cross antenna. Joe Bell will work with Steve on the VHF-UHF antenna.

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

**Red Cross Liaison Report:** Jim said the RED cross needs volunteers on the 25<sup>th</sup>. They have been very busy preparing for the hurricane Mathew.

**Digital Rep. Report:** vacant

**Web Master Report:** Dave KF8QL. Wasn't present but it was suggested that we install a propagation graph on the web site. Tom will pass that on.

**VE Team Report:**

Rich KC8NKA: he had a total of 5 applicants and 2 failed. But he suggested the youngest tester try again the next day at the GRARA swap. He passed and his test fee was paid by others. Good experience.

**Public Information Officer**

Jack NY8D

The LARC holds their meeting on 10-08-2016. Jamboree on the air is coming up later this month. Jack listed current swaps around the state.

**Additional Reports****Club Officer Nominations:**

President Tom read from the clubs' By-laws the order of business in nominating officers. Tonight we just nominate.

For President: Tom N8DGD

Vice-president: John W8QZ

Director -at-larger: Bob ac8zx

Secretary Rich k8jx

Treasurer Philip w8ipn

Red Cross Liasson.: jim k8can

Trustee: Tom N8DGD

Technical Director: Steven ac8qe  
Off-air-Director: Dustin kd8pvz  
On-air-Director Hank N8XX

Nominations closed.

### **Old Business**

No old business.

### **New Business**

Rich k8jx and tom n8dgd announced Rich will try to bring back the GRARA 2 meter net. We're going to try Tuesday, at 7PM, on the Grara 146.760. repeater. The details are still being worked out. While this is going to be held on the Fusion repeater, it will be open to all analog users. The digital mode may be used at the end of the net. To be worked out.

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting: seconded by Dustin. We ended at 7:57pm.

Dustin then showed an informative video on transmission lines.

### **Attendance**

| Name            | Call sign | ARRL member |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Rich            | K8JX      | no          |
| Stepten Provost | ac8qe     | yes         |
| Rick Krzykwa    | KA8RTS    | yes         |
| Mike Bottema    | K8EX      | yes         |
| Dustin Olsen    | kd8pvz    | yes         |
| Paul Rodgers    | wx8tow    | yes         |
| Richard         | ke8oyt    | yes         |
| Jack kunnen     | ab8nd     | yes         |
| Robert sare     | kd8vfc    | yes         |
| John brocker    | k9fut     | yes         |

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|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Marc veeneman   | w8sdg  | yes |
| Robert moe      | ac8zx  | yes |
| Phillip N       | w8ipn  | yes |
| Greg stoike     | ka4ck  | no  |
| Thom durfee     | ki8w   | yes |
| Jack amelar     | ny8d   | yes |
| Ann Ingersoll   | kb8zsx | yes |
| Dave ed         | ac8ab  | no  |
| Robert robinson | kd8hof | yes |
| Frank mccllland | kd8ohs | yes |
| Ethen foss      |        |     |
| Jim van maleen  | kd8qaq | yes |
| Frank Thomson   | kd8qxc | yes |
| Rich hartaet    | guest  | no  |
| Tom Hansen      | n8dgd  | yes |