

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2018

The board meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 6:54pm by Vice President John Streyle, W8QZ.

President's Report:

NR, absent.

Vice President's Report:

NR.

Treasure Report:

The beginning balance was \$4474.26 and the ending balance was \$5224.02. A detailed report will be presented at the club's meeting. We netted approximately \$1800.00 from the swap. We also paid insurance in the amount of \$430.00.

Secretary Report:

NR, absent.

On-Air Report:

The CQWW SSB contest will be on October 27-28 starting at 00:00 UTC (8pm friday EDT). We are planning on opening the radio room early on Saturday morning and go until we no longer want to continue.

Off-Air Report:

NR, absent

Technical Director Report:

We had two tower climbs to fix our data link to 92nd street. The first climb was to diagnose the issue while the second climb was to fix the issue. The radio module needed to be replaced. Annual maintenance was also done during this time. While this was done it was discovered the Hustler 6-band antenna on the Verizon tower wasn't working correctly. We would like in the future to bring this down and see if it can be fixed.

Director-at-Large:

A thank you note was passed around to thank N3FJP for the donation of his software at the swapmeet. LED lights were presented for the radio room. They are \$29.00 each and we want six for a total of \$190.67. These will be presented to the club at the next club meeting. We will be testing these lights for RFI after the board meeting.

Red Cross Liaison Report:

A report on the Red Cross efforts for the Carolina Disaster was presented.

VE Team Report:

NR

Webmaster Report:

Videos have been added to the website.

Old Business:

Membership nominations Committee, we are taking nominations at the next meeting.

Ground rods were installed on our tower over the past weekend.

New Business:

A project for creating and installing a new antenna on the roof of the Remote Radio Room. A 43 vertical and a MFJ 994BRT remote tuner was purposed from DX Engineering. The project total is currently at \$954.09. This will be presented at the club meeting.

Hank made a motion to adjourn and we did so at 8:10pm.

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