

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio

Association

Meeting Minutes

October 5,, 2018

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:04 PM by Vice- President John Streyle W8QZ President Tom N8DGD is on vacation.

President's Report

John had us introduce ourselves. It is October, and as was pointed out at the board meeting, we usually hold elections in October. John wanted to hear a motion to postpone our elections till the November meeting and have nominations tonight. Motion was made and seconded: it passed

VP Report: NR

Treasurer's Report

Hank: couldn't make the meeting, so presented a slide presentation on the financial report for the swap. There were several questions regarding the inclusion of expenses and actual money spend: how it should have been listed. They asked the secretary to contact Hank and have him re-submit the report.

The starting balance was \$3274.26

Ending balance: \$5724.02.

Secretary: NR

On Air Director Report:

Greg KN4CK shared that there is a contest coming up on October 27th to the 28th. It runs from Friday till you can't contest any more. Greg would like us to participate in the contest at the clubs Radio Room. You do not have to spend the whole 48 hours operating.

Off Air Director Report:

Dustin: NR.

Tech. Director Report: We had tower climbers and do work twice: one to investigate the link problem: we determined that the cable was ok but the data link was bad and he ordered a new one. The second work was tightening up any loose bolts and install the new data link.

The noise problem couldn't be diagnosed when at the 92nd street tower. Whenever they're looking for it, it's not present. We had a general discussion on the noise problem and where it might be coming from: it is effecting other non-linked fusion repeaters. We ended with us listening for the noise and possibly recording the noise.

Member-At-Large Report:

Bob gave a general report on the success of the swap Swap.

Red Cross Liaison Report:

Jim: shared that the Red Cross had 2000 people stay in 36 Red Cross shelters in the Carolinas. Working with partners, they served more than 656,900 meals and snacks.

Digital Rep. Report: NR

VE Team Report Steve reported one person tried to go for his General, and missed it.

Additional Reports NR,

Webmaster: NR

Old Business. Thom KI8W, reported that last Saturday, they installed 3 ground rods. The radio room is now grounded.

New Business: We then opened up Nominations for club officers;

President: Thom KI8W Nominated.
Vice President: K8JH James Hessler. Nominated.
Treasurer : N8XX Hank Accepted another year
Secretary : K8jX Rich Accepted another year

Off-Air-Director; K8DMR Rom Nominated
On-Air-Director: KN4CK Greg Accepted another year
Technical Director: AC8QE Steve Accepted another year
Red Cross Liaison: K8CAN Jim Accepted another year
Trustee: N8DGD Tom Accepted another year
Nominations are open till the November meeting, when we will hold voting. If you want to nominate a person, or yourself, contact the club secretary, at secretary@w8dc.org.

We then had a general discussion on what is required to fulfill the offices.

Thom KI8W proposed that club purchase a 43 foot vertical and install it on the Red Cross building's roof: this would be on a self-supporting tripod/tower. No holes would be allowed to be drilled in the roof. The proposal also included a 600 watt antenna tuner and also all the materials needed for construction. He has already talked with the Red Cross personal: they like it as long as there are no holes put into the roof. The roof is rubberized. The frequency range of the vertical is 160 meters through 10meters. Thom had it figured out to cost \$954.09.

Ron K8DMR made a motion to finance the project for \$1000.00, seconded by Steve kc8mey.

The motion passed.

Bob AC8ZX and Tom N8DGD researched brighter lights and Bob discovered LED lighting for the Radio Room that is cheaper to operate and provides greater light. They are LED light fixtures. Bob found a deal at \$30.00 per fixture. For the fixtures. Bob also said he would install them. Bob made a motion to spend \$190.68: seconded

by Ron K8DMR. It passed.

Jack NY8D shared information on upcoming ham swaps. He also invited people to show up at the 92nd street tower site to help I.R.A. clean up the site. From 9AM to 2:30PM. On October 27, 2018. They will provide coffee, donuts and other treats.

John made a motion to adjourn: Seconded by Steve the meeting ended at 7:55 PM
Respectively submitted
Rich K8JX Grara secretary.