

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
Business Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2019

The business meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:02pm by President Thom Durfee (K18W).

Introductions were made. There were 18 people in attendance.

Announcements:

IRA Open House & Site Clean-up at the 92nd St Hill on Saturday, October 5, 9am-2pm.

Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest is on October 19 from 8am-noon at the Fellowship Reformed Church, 4200 E Apple Ave, Muskegon MI 49442. Information at <http://mcecs.net/Hamfest.htm>

President's Report:

Thom Durfee (K18W)

The Red Cross is exploring and expected to be moving out of the current building sometime in mid to late 2020 and we will not be going with them. We are currently exploring our options but are open to discussions on what we can do for a radio room and a meeting location. Later on there was also discussion on remote controlling the radio room.

Stephen Provost (AC8QE) will be handling the GRAHamfest for 2020. The next GRAHamfest will occur on Sept 12, 2020.

Nominations for officers took place. We will be voting on these positions at the business meeting in November.

President: Thom Durfee (K18W)

Vice President: Jim Hessler (K8JH)

Secretary: Richard Ranta (K8JX) & Greg Stoike (KN4CK)

Treasure: Steven Haueisen (KD8MEY)

On-Air-Director: Greg Stoike (KN4CK) & Michael Mc Donald (AA8MG)

Off-Air-Director: Ron Fredricks (K8DMR)

Liaison Director: Joe Bell (WD8USA)

Director-at-Large: Chris Longcore (KE8LQH)

Technical Director: Stephen Provost (AC8QE)

Trustee: Tom Hansen (N8DGD)

Vice President's Report:

Jim Hessler (K8JH)

The Ham Van crew will be doing a demonstration at the American Legion Scout Camp on October 19. It is about 90 miles away, but if you are interested in joining contact Jim Hessler.

Treasure Report:

Steven Haueisen (KD8MEY)

Starting balance: \$2,746.34

Income:

Donations: \$100.00 (Concession sales at the Hamfest)

Equipment sales: \$393.00 (\$293 from sales at the Hamfest, \$100 from the sale of a radio)

Membership dues: \$25.00

Hamfest: \$1,906.00

Total income: \$2,424

Expenses:

Insurance: \$430.00

Total expenses: \$430.00

September closing balance \$4740.34

There was a motion to pay for the reservation at the Home School Building for next years Hamfest. \$535 + \$100 donation for a total of \$635. Motion Passed.

At the board meeting we agreed to pay to renew the domain names (using Section 12 of the Bylaws, "under \$75 rule").

Secretary Report:

No Report (Absent)

Richard Ranta (K8JX)

On-Air-Director Report:

CQ WW SSB contest is on October 26-27 starting at 0000 UTC and ending at 2359 UTC. We will be opening the radio room for this contest starting at or slightly before the contest (Friday 8pm local time). This is one of the largest contests of the year.

Greg Stoike (KN4CK)

Off-Air-Director Report:

Ron gave a listing of various presentations he could give today and over the next few meetings. These would focus on items such as BJTs, JFETs, MESFETs, and MOSFETs, doherty amplifiers, DXpeditions, and RTTY. This meeting's presentation, by informal vote, will be a youtube video by W2AEW on JFETs. There was a request for a presentation on the Mi7 Winlink network.

Ron Fredricks (K8DMR)

Technical Director Report:

Over the next few weeks there will be adjustments made on the main repeater at the 92nd St site due to the voter not working properly. Because of this, the north receive site is offline due to problems that may occur due to how they work together.

Stephen Provost (AC8QE)

We are looking into moving a repeater to a new site near the 5 Mile/East Beltline area. The only cost may be cutting the grass at the site. This is a work in progress.

Director-at-Large:
No Report (Absent)

Bob Moe (AC8ZX)

Liaison Director Report:
No Report

Jim Leys (K8CAN)

VE Team Report:
There were 2 testing sessions this past month.

Stephen Provost (AC8QE)

On September 7 at the GRAHamfest there were 2 testers who passed (1 Technician, 1 Extra).

On September 13 at the Red Cross there were 6 testers who passed (3 Technician, 2 General, 1 Extra).

Old Business:
None.

New Business:
There was a discussion the the GRARA Yahoo Groups mailing list. Out of this, the decision was made to move over to Groups.io

The Holland club is going to be doing a "General in a Day, Kinda" class on November 9. Registration is open and mandatory and will close on October 19. For more information visit <http://hollandarch.org> or at <https://tinyurl.com/harcgiad>

At the Board Meeting we decided to table our generator project. We received a generator from the Red Cross. Stephen Provost (AC8QE) asked if he could buy the generator instead for \$200. Motion passed.

Steven Haueisen (KD8MEY) brought up whether we wanted to support the Get out of the Cabin Dinner in February. There was interest and will be further discussed as the event gets closer.

There was a motion to adjourn and we did so at 7:53pm.
Submitted by Greg Stoike, KN4CK, On-Air-Director filling in for the Secretary.