

**Grand Rapids Amateur Radio
Association**

Board Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

President's Report: Thom called the meeting to order at 6:45PM. Thom wanted to wait till Bob Moe arrived to find out how many tables have been sold.

Vice President: No Report

Secretary's Report: No Report on July 3rd board meeting: The V.P. didn't record any minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Steve gave his report.

STARTING BALANCE \$2,796.29

July CLOSING BALANCE \$2,833.28

The report was accepted.

ON-THE-AIR Director: Greg reported there will be a SSTV demonstration this coming month of August.

OFF-THE-AIR Director: Ron, K8DMR will be giving a demonstration on Beverage Antennas. Ron also has planned several other areas he will be presenting demonstrations on. Steve has requested a demonstration on RTTY. Ron said that would have to be later.

Technical: Steve and crew went to the Spectrum Hospital site of the 146.760 Repeater. They checked cables out and discovered a bad connection on a connector: they replace the connector and now Steve can hear the repeater beyond Rockford. Ron, AB8DT installed a dual band antenna and set up for a digi-repeater. Steve has a computer with Windows 7 running on, and wants to increase the memory: that should cost \$121.00.

Member-at-large Bob has a Swap update. He has received a fee for the payment of two tables at our swap. Bob wanted to know if we should donate the tables to them, or accept their money. It was decided

to have the club pay for them. So far, we have sold 4 tables. Bob is also going to send letters to vendors, inviting them to attend our swap. Thom also said we would cancel the general club meeting the week of the swap: we need to set up tables. We will have a board meeting on Wednesday. We haven't received the ARRL package for the swap. Jack NY8D is taking care of the small gifts and Steve has a software gift. Steve and Bob are looking at fixing/repairing a trailer. Needs a new axle.

VE Report: 4 examiners took the test: A lady took the General test and three other people took the test: we got 2 techs and one General. The Call-Signs arrived an hour and a half later!

RED Cross: Jim, K8CAN, Reported that the Red Cross needs to raise \$25,000.00 to support families like those who have recently experienced incredible hardship from Tropical Storm Barry, wildfires in California and home fires across the country. The Responses this month: Distributed over 14,500 relief supplies to people impacted by recent disasters. Sheltered more than 4 dozen people over the past 3 weeks after the earthquakes in California. Provided financial support to 30 families after a home fire in North Dakota. Served more than 75,800 meals and snacks to families across the country. These are just the numbers our teams in the field shared this month as of last Friday. Disasters like these happen, no matter how tragic and devastating. But thanks to compassionate friends like YOU, we can be ready to support impacted families across the country.

Old Business: Jack NY8D will be doing food again and is going to get the gifts for the swap.. We will also have to bring up bringing change money for the swap.

New Business: No new business.

Thom made a motion to adjourn: Seconded by Greg the meeting ended at 7:24 PM

Respectively submitted
Rich K8JX Grara secretary.