

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association  
Business Meeting Minutes  
August 7, 2020

The Business Meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice President Jim Hessler (K8JH).

**President's Report:**

**Thom Durfee (KI8W)**

No Report (Resigned)

**Vice President's Report:**

**Jim Hessler (K8JH)**

Thom Durfee (KI8W) has resigned as president of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association. Going forward, Jim Hessler (K8JH) will step in as President until elections take place in November.

We will be writing a letter to Thom Durfee (KI8W) thanking him for the service he has done for the club. The time he put in as president and the huge amount of work he did for the radio room and making it available.

Due to not being able to have our swap indoors, we will be moving it outdoors at the Red Cross. The board figured this would be a good way to salvage what we could do under the current executive orders. We will check with the Red Cross to see if there are any concerns.

We will need to update the website. Since Thom Durfee (KI8W) resigned, we needed someone to maintain the website. Greg Stoike (KN4CK) elected to take over the website.

There was a motion to carry over our deposit, for the swap, to the Homeschool Building for the next year. Passed.

There was a motion to get a porta potty for the Swap. Passed.

Hank's wife donated Hank's (N8XX SK) ham radio gear to the club and Jim Hessler (K8JH) has been putting it up on ebay to sell. He is waiting on the final tally to give to the club.

Mike Stark (KB8KB) brought a bunch of kits from Hank's estate. If someone wanted one they could give a donation to the club. Information for these are also on the GRARA Facebook page.

Jim Hessler (K8JH) has put his hat in the ring for the Vice Director of the ARRL Great Lakes Division. One of the requirements is to obtain signatures of at least 10 full members of the Division. Jim passed around a petition to gain signatures for this.

**Treasure Report:**

**Steven Haeisen (KD8MEY)**

Starting balance: \$4848.62

Income:

Membership Dues: \$15

Donation: \$10

Equipment Sales: \$75

**Total Income: \$100**

Expenses:

Payment for the PO Box: \$118

Clipboards for VE Testing: \$33.90

Porta Potty for Field Day: \$150.00

**Total Expenses: \$301.90**

July closing balance: \$4646.72

There was a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Passed.

Our insurance payment is due next month. There was a motion to pay our insurance payment. Passed.

We received a donation through Benevity and was wondering if anyone has worked with this company before. Jim Hessler (K8JH) has and confirmed the legitimacy.

**Secretary Report:**

No Report

**Greg Stoike (KN4CK)**

**On-Air-Director Report:**

[From Greg Stoike (KN4CK)] Field Day logs have been submitted to the ARRL.

**Tom Hansen (N8DGD)**

	Digital	Phone
80m	34	194
40m	205	
20m	7	60
15m	3	51
10m	1	
6m	63	34
2m	6	
Total	319	339

With some bonus points and everything totaled we had 1,954 points.

**Off-Air-Director Report:**

**Ron Fredricks (K8DMR)**

No Report

**Technical Director Report:**

**Stephen Provost (AC8QE)**

Ron Fredricks (K8DMR) notified the club of some interference he was experiencing from the repeater. A group of people tested this and are working on what can be done.

We needed a proper box for the 43ft vertical since the previous box was breaking down in the sun. We acquired one and we will replace it once we can gain access once the Red Cross opens again.

**Director-at-Large:**

**Chris Longcore (KE8LQH)**

Was wondering if anyone wrote a letter thanking Hank's wife for the donation. Jim Hessler (K8JH) said he has taken care of it personally.

**Liaison Director Report:**

**Joe Bell (WD8USA)**

No Report (Absent)

**VE Team Report:**

**Stephen Provost (AC8QE)**

At the last VE Session we had 3-4 people take exams. We will hold our next VE Session on Friday September 11 at 6:30pm in the parking lot at the Red Cross.

**Trustee Report**

**Tom Hansen (N8DGD)**

Use the repeater.

**Old Business:**

No new news for the Red Cross move is known. Dave DeVos (KF8QL) suggested that a lot of clubs are joining up with a VFW Hall and we could keep that in mind.

**New Business:**

Nominations are coming up and we need to get a Nomination Committee. Ron Fredricks (K8DMR) has done it in the past and it seems like he is continuing the process.

The tower climber that we have used for a long time is retiring. We'll have to find a new tower climber for the future. We usually have one check out towers, antennas, and all the connections at least once a year.

John Streyle (W8QZ) wanted to thank Jim Hessler (K8JH) for stepping up as President and taking over the work as president.

Our next meeting will be on the Friday before our swap, September 11, at 7pm. VE testing at 6:30pm.

Dave DeVos (KF8QL) is moving and will be bringing to the swap a trailer load of good used antennas and also lots of aluminum parts that could be useful in building your own. A list is on the GRARA Facebook page.

We adjourned at 7:55pm.

Submitted by Greg Stoike (KN4CK), Secretary.