

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
Business Meeting Minutes
March 6, 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 (Absent)

Vice President's Report:

Jim Hessler (K8JH)

Tom Durfee (KI8W) is in the hospital recovering. A Get Well Soon card was passed around for people to sign.

Treasure Report:

Steven Haeisen (KD8MEY)

Starting balance: \$4705.61

Income:

Membership Dues: \$195

Donation: \$20

Total Income: \$215

Expenses:

Postage for VE testing: \$7.35

Total Expenses: \$7.35

February closing balance: \$4913.26

Secretary Report:

Greg Stoike (KN4CK)

No Report

On-Air-Director Report:

Tom Hansen (N8DGD)

There was a discussion on where we wanted to have Field Day for 2020. We decided on pursuing Cedar Springs again as our main choice this year and will start the paperwork process with the city.

Off-Air-Director Report:

Ron Fredricks (K8DMR)

There will be a video presentation on the DXpedition to Trumlin Island. The video will last around 11 minutes with discussion during and following.

Technical Director Report:

Stephen Provost (AC8QE)

Work on the generator will start back up in a couple of weeks. The next main project will be finishing the exhaust. Work will mainly be on Wednesdays and will continue so we can use this generator for Field Day.

It was noticed that there was noise reappearing on the 147.26 repeater.

Director-at-Large:

Chris Longcore (KE8LQH)

No Report

Liaison Director Report:

Joe Bell (WD8USA)

No Report (Absent)

VE Team Report:

Stephen Provost (AC8QE)

On February 14th at the Red Cross there were 4 testers who passed (2 Generals, 2 Technicians). The next testing session will be on Friday March 6th at 6:30pm. Stephen needs a few volunteers to help him. Please contact him if you would like to help.

Trustee Report

Tom Hansen (N8DGD)

No Report

Old Business:

[From Jack Amelar (NY8D)] For Hamvention, Jack was wondering if we wanted to have a vendor booth for the club. He currently has one for a different club and wants to transfer it to our club.

A motion was made to transfer it to GRARA and to pay \$105 for the booth and it passed.

[From Stephen Provost (AC8QE)] There are several choices for lodging for Hamvention other than the local hotels.

The dorms at Central State University:

<https://www.centralstate.edu/conf/index.php?num=11>

The Arrow Communication Association has a one day bus trip:

<https://w8rp.org/dayton-hamvention-bus-trip/>

Mike Wolthuis (KB8ZGL) is renting a house and he might have room available.

The Hamvan will also be in attendance at Hamvention.

[From Tom Hansen (N8DGD)] We need to get flyers made for our swapmeet to pass around at other swaps in the area.

[From Rich Ranta (K8JX)] The New Hams Dinner was a success. Larry Dells (KC8KVR) was presented the West Michigan Ham of the Year award.

New Business:

[From Larry Dells (KC8KVR)] While going through a ham's estate, Larry came across an old QSO card from 1951 and books relating to W8DC. He presented them to the club for their archives.

[From Dave De Vos (KF8QL)] Dave became a ham in 1991 and then in 1992 he became Vice President of GRARA. During this time we had 350 members and Dave needed to keep records of all the members and their autopatch slots. He handed these documents and old montly newsletters from this time over to our historian for archives.

He also showed an old logo the club used to have in the form of a patch for jackets.

[From Cheryl Mortensen (KD8BCS)] She suggested we have displays at local public locations like libraries and museums to showcase our club.

We adjourned at 7:40pm.

Submitted by Greg Stoike (KN4CK), Secretary.