

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting Minutes

April 02, 2021

The Meeting was held on ZOOM Video conferencing.

The meeting started at 7:2 PM

President: Jim had us introduce ourselves. He didn't have anything special to report, but shared that he had sent a "Thank You" card to the person who donated an IFR-Radio Service Monitor. This was courtesy of a friend of Steven. Jim also said we had received an offer of a donation of two older receivers. A Collins and National. Jim also stated that we will be holding Field Day 2021 on GVSU's Allendale campus. Jim also mentioned that the "GREAT LAKES Convention is tentatively going to be held at DX Engineering, on August 7th. More information will be available later.

Tim Crane, WM8A checked-in. Tim is the ARES-EC, and wanted to visit our meeting. Tim said, in all the travels he's gone to, one thing stands out: everything starts with a club, and continues with a club. We need to stay together, as a club.

We thanked Tim for coming by.

Vice-President: NR But Greg was going to make Dave's Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Report for March 2021

March's starting balance was \$ 6545.71

Income totaled \$ 495.71

Expenditures totaled \$ 1020.26

March's ending balance is \$ 6021.16

- We are paid up in good standing on our Corporation fees to the State of MI.
- PayPal membership renewals are working well in terms of cash flow into the bank account.
- Lake Michigan Credit Union gave us \$26,491.51 in error due to a mix up by a teller. They took it back when I pointed it out.
- The equipment for the RigPi project has been ordered by the tech director.

Respectfully,

Dave DeVos - KF8QL

Secretary: The March club minutes, both Board and General meetings, have been posted. Rich wanted to know what the status of the GRARA-Swap flyer was: is it

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complete. Rich wants to include it in the next QRM Newsletter. Jim, Steve and Greg said everything was ok.

A motion was made by Tom K8TB and Mike AA8MG: the minutes were approved...

. **Member-At-Large:** Chris didn't have anything to report. But he had visited Tom KI8W. Tom has a new antenna installed and Chris said he is feeling much better.

ON-THE-AIR: /Trustee Tom showed a picture of the IFR Radio Service Monitor. Tom also mentioned that the Michigan QSO Party will be held on April 17th. From noon to midnight. We will use the call sign, W8DC. For more information and to volunteer, contact Tom at N8DGD@arrl.net. Also, on April 20, 2021, on a Tuesday we will be holding Adopt a Highway Cleanup. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Tom at the same e-mail address. We'll meet at the Mobile Gas station on the corner of M-57 and Northland drive. Meet us at 6 PM. should take about an hour.

RED-Cross: Joe wasn't present, but Steve AC8QE shared that everything with the Red Cross building is unsettled, and nothing is known for sure.

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OFF-THE_AIR: Ron is going to present a video on RIGPI that was recorded in 2019. Ron will present it after the regular club meeting.

Technical: / V.E. Steve thanked Jim for getting us the location to hold VE exams.

We will continue to hold them there. Steve then gave a demonstration on the new software we may be using for Remote equipment operating. If you want to learn more about Rigpr, visit them at WWW.RIGPI.NET. Steve also provided the link for Live Auctions. This is where we can find estate items and silent Key items. WWW.W8LRC.ORG/Live-Auctions. Steve will be installing the equipment he ordered this coming weekend. In a week or so, he should have the vertical installed so we can start operating HF, remotely.

Old-Business: Mike AA8MG reported he had finally got hold of somebody at the library for archiving our donated files. He ran into two problems: 1. whatever data we donate to the library, becomes part of their archive, and no longer belongs to us. 2. We still have the problem of digitizing the files. There are two cabinets with files. Mike is concerned that the cost of digitizing the documents may be prohibited.

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Jack NY8D wanted to know how many wrist bands we have left over from the last time we had the swap. Nobody could remember how many were left. Jack is simply going to order a bunch of them.

Jim suggested we adjourn the meeting and listen to Ron K8DMR's presentation. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Steve and seconded by Tom.

It passed. The meeting ended at 8:01PM

Respectively submitted

Grara Club Secretary

Rich Ranta K8JX

(A partial list of people present
at our meeting. K8JH, K8CAN,
K8DMR, NY8D, N8OAF, K8TB
AA8MG, KT8G, AC8QE,
K8DAY, WM8A, N8FCC, N8DGD
N8UXNKB8TYJ, KD8OHS, K8JX)

Ron then presented his Video
on RIGPI.