

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

General Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2021

There were 21 people present at the meeting.

The meeting started at 6:55PM. Before we got down to business, Ron, K8DMR presented a video of GVSU. Several Hams have gone up to the UP with a few other GRARA members to activate Stannard Rock Lighthouse, "Loneliest Lighthouse in the World". We'll be on the air as W8L sometime after noon on Saturday for about 24 hours. There will be a few other lighthouses that will also be on the air. You can find more information at <https://www.qrz.com/db/w8l>

Ron also showed an electronic device that our club is engaged in completing. KiwiSDR is a software defined radio board that attaches to a BeagleBoard computer running Linux. It can receive signals from 10 kilohertz to 30 MHz Network-enabled, anyone with a web browser can access a public KiwiSDR station and tune in to whatever it is receiving. Crucially, the KiwiSDR software allows users to sample multiple stations around the world simultaneously. If at least three stations can hear a given signal, a TDoA (time difference of arrival) algorithm can estimate the origin of the signal.

<https://swling.com/blog/2020/02/kiwisdr-a-brilliant-new-map-portal/>

Ron also is going to show us how Cuba is jamming our Ham stations. This will be when the Off-The-Air director presents his video.

Ron

K8DMR

PRESIDENT: Jim mentioned that the July Club minutes had been sent through the E-Mail. He wanted a motion to approve the minutes: Tom KI8W made the motion, Seconded by Steve P. There was one correction, but it had been corrected at a later publishing. The motion passed.

Vice-President: NR

Treasurer:

My Treasurer Report for July 2021

June's starting balance was \$6180.48

Income totaled \$230.00 from donations and membership renewals. We also received a directed donation from the estate of K8EIO that they requested be put into a special directed fund. The donation was \$1850.00, and I was told more to come from additional equipment sales.

Expenditures totaled \$618.20 with the largest being a donation to the GVSU radio club of coax feedline.

June's ending balance is \$5792.28
The K8EIO directed fund balance is \$1850.00

Because I have a jazz gig on Wednesday, I will not be at the board meeting, but I will see you at the Friday meeting.

Dave has also had the Post Office Box payment fee set up for auto-Pay.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave DeVos - KF8QL

A Motion was made to accept the report: By Tom K18W, seconded by Richie K8JX. The motion passed.

Secretary: Richie K8JX only wanted to know if the Swap flyer was firmly set: He plans on getting the next issue of the QRM out this coming week. The flyer is ok.

On-The-Air Director: NR

Trustee:NR

VE: Steve reported that the next exam session will be held at the normal location. September's exam will be at the GRSWAP.

TECH: Steve reported that they had cleaned out and moved items out of the Red-Cross building and it is now in the garage. They did this to prevent any damage from happening during the remodeling of the Red-Cross building. Steve thanked all who participated in the cleanup.

President Jim mentioned that we do not have a sign-up sheet for folks to volunteer to operate the different stands. The next meeting will be at the Home School Building. We also decided that one ticket for trunk sales will also be good enough for admission. The prize will be drawn from the ticket numbers. Jack NY8D, will once again be operating the concession stand: Hot Dogs, Coffee, and Pop.

We had a motion to move the next club meeting to 9/10/2021 by Tom KI8W, seconded by Tom B. It passed.

Old Business: Richie, K8JX, on behalf of "The Western Michigan Ham of the Year award", presented Dave DeVos KF8QL with the award for 2014. It was late in coming, but was great to acknowledge his contribution to our Ham Community.

Richie K8JX also presented 2021 "Western Michigan Ham of the Year award" to this year's nominee. Stephan Provost AC8QE. Steve is the technical wizard who keeps all of our equipment running. He is also our very own I.T. person too. Steve has contributed a lot to our club and the ham radio community. Thank you Steve!

New Business: Steve P. Made a motion for the club to rent a Loek's movie theater so we can watch the presentation from the technical company that will be here. Steve thought it would be nice to have a large theater to show the video, and invite other clubs to attend. Tom KI8W made a motion to spend \$100.00 for this event. Seconded by Mike AA8MG. It was then raised to \$250.00, the motion passed.

There was no further New Business;

Richie K8JX made a motion to adjourn the meeting: seconded by Jim K8JH.

The meeting ended at 7:45PM.

We are going to take a 5 minutes break and then have a presentation on Cuba interfering with Ham Stations.

To view the video;

<https://spectrum.ieee.org/cuba-jamming-ham-radio-listen-for-yourself>

We ended the meeting at 7:45PM

Respectively submitted, Richie Ranta K8JX Secretary