

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Executive Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2021

The Executive Meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:03pm by President Jim Hessler K8JH. Due to covid-19 safety concerns, the meeting could only be held on Zoom. It was open to the public.

President's Report:

Jim was supposed to meet with the Red Cross people, but that hasn't occurred, yet. Jim and Dave KF8QL have been trying to connect with the people at GVSU, but that hasn't worked out yet. He will try later this week. Jim also sent some letters to national companies, Ham Radio Outlet, DX Engineering, to ask if they are willing to donate items for our swap.

Vice President's Report: Greg will send Swap flyer's to the board) members and have them examine it for completeness The pay pal donation system is working great. We currently have 36 members..

Secretary Report: Rich wanted to know if the swap flyers were correct: he plans to include them in the next QRM newsletter.

Treasure 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.

Tonight during our board meeting, I'll review a small error that PayPal made in our account that is now corrected.

Respectfully,

Dave DeVos - KF8QL

On-The-Air Director Chris had nothing to report. Everything is quiet

OFF-The-Air Director Ron has planned several instructive demonstrations, which will be better presented when we can meet in a room. This Friday he is planning on showing a tower project.

General Discussion: Steve wanted to know if Bob Moe was going to handle Table sales for the swap. Jim may try to contact him later this week.

Tom N8DGD shared that GRARA had received a service monitor as a donation. Jim wanted to send a thank you card to the person who donated it. (A friend of Steve's).

Tom also said the Michigan QSO party will be on April 17th, from noon till it's over. We then had discussion on where we can operate the party. Further discussion will be on Friday's general business meeting. Tom also is looking for Pick up the highway cleaning party. That will be on April 20th. Contact Tom if you're interested.

Steve is going to have a demonstration on the Rip-tide system. He wants to test the software and see how it will work on club's rig. You can check this out at the Riptide.net web site

Jim mentioned that the club has received an offer of two older receivers: a Collins and a National. We decided we would accept them.

Dave said he had been trying to get together with the GVSU people, but has to reschedule their meeting. He will try again this week.

We adjourned at 7:48 pm.
Respectively Submitted
By Richie Ranta K8JX
Secretary