

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
Executive Meeting Minutes
December 30, 2020

The Executive Meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:10pm by President Jim Hessler (K8JH).

President's Report:

Jim Hessler (K8JH)

The FCC is adopting a new fee for Amateur Radio. The fee will be \$35. It is unknown when this will take effect. For more information please see

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-20-184A1.pdf>

Vice President's Report:

Greg Stoike (KN4CK)

No Report

Treasure Report:

Dave De Vos (KF8QL)

We have filed our tax form with the IRS.

We will be looking into paypal or an equivalent for online payments for dues.

Secretary Report:

Rich Ranta (K8JX)

No Report (absent)

On-Air-Director Report:

Tom Hansen (N8DGD)

No Report (absent)

Off-Air-Director Report:

Ron Fredricks (K8DMR)

Ron is working on getting some presentations ready for both virtual and future in-person meetings.

Technical Director Report:

Stephen Provost (AC8QE)

In November we moved the transmitter to the new site near 5 Mile Rd NE and East Beltline Ave NE. There have been reports of a better signal but we are thinking about increasing the transmit power.

Stephen is working on the remotepi setup. He is getting ready to order a few more parts.

Director-at-Large:

Chris Longcore (KE8LQH)

Chris asked a few questions to the rest of the officers.

Are we maintaining a connection with LifeEMS and the Red Cross?

Joe Bell is our club's liaison officer and he along with some other officers have been in contact with the Red Cross. There isn't any new news regarding our status.

Has anyone worked with Tom Durfee on his equipment?

Once we can get back into the Red Cross, we can move forward with this.

Liaison Director Report:

Joe Bell (WD8USA)

No Report (absent)

VE Team Report:

Stephen Provost (AC8QE)

There won't be any VE testing in January.

Trustee Report

Tom Hansen (N8DGD)

No Report (absent)

Old Business:

From Dave De Vos (KF8QL): Dave has contacted Nick Baine (AC8CQ), the GVSU Amateur Radio Council (W8GVU) trustee. We contacted him to see if they would be interested in teaming up for Field Day and for the option to have meetings at GVSU. They are interested but we will have to wait until things return to normal. We will be having a meeting with Nick after the holidays to discuss more.

New Business:

None

We adjourned at about 8:00pm.

Submitted by Greg Stoike (KN4CK), Vice President, filling in for the Secretary.