

# Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

## Business Meeting - April 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Greg Stoike. Meeting began with member and officer introductions.

### President's Report – Greg N8HR

Constitution and bylaws will be discussed. Good presentation coming up; meeting will be kept brief. Vice President (Steven KD8MEY) unable to attend.

### Treasurer's Report – Dave KF8QL

- Our starting balance was this month was \$ 12,248.01
- Income totaled 167.23 from memberships and donations
- Expenditures totaled \$190.23
- The general fund ending total balance is \$7769.01
- The K8EIO directed fund balance is \$4456.00
- Adding these two together, our **total balance is \$12,225.01**

Motion Tom Bosscher, seconded by Ron Fredricks. Approved.

### Secretary's Report – Dave KD8DB

Recap of previous meeting's open business.

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### Trustee's Report

Trustee not present. No reports pertaining to Liaison.

### GVSU Report – Justin N8FCC

GVSU had a self-run testing session. One student and one professor earned General-class license. May 13-15, W8GVU will be going to Big Sable lighthouse in Luddington. Operating throughout Saturday, also some of Friday evening and Sunday morning. Lighthouse open to the public 10:00-5:00 PM. **Working on specifics for allowing non-GVSU-club-members to operate.** Will not be a special-event station - operating under W8GVU callsign to publicize club.

### Tech Director's Report – Stephen AC8QE

VE report: 5 new Technicians, one General. FCC application fees going into effect 4/19 - unsure how this will affect the upcoming VE session on 4/8.

Tom Bosscher has found some equipment for the repeater. Ottawa County emergency services decommissioning repeater equipment after switching to 800 MHz systems. 12 repeaters have been

donated to W8IRA. 4 transmitters in Tom's trunk. Receiver showed up on ebay for about \$288 after taxes, fees, etc. Hardware upgrade for the 2 m repeater site. Tom introducing a motion to spend \$288.01 from the K8EIO directed fund to purchase receiver. Justin N8FCC seconded.

Tom N8DGD wants reassurance that increased power won't run afoul of MIARC. Transmitter can do 21-110 W, and shouldn't be a problem. Repeater is currently around 75 W. Motion passed unanimously.

### On-Air Director's Report – Jared N8CZ

Paperwork for Field Day was submitted last Friday. GVSU promised to read it last Monday. Club will follow up with Services/Events on Monday if nothing has been heard yet. Jared is not anticipating any problems.

### Off-Air Director's Report – Jared N8CZ

Jared is nominating Madison, who is the membership officer for GVSU club, as the GRARA Off-Air Director. Madison is involved in National Ski Patrol, MI Bicycle Patrol, has been on an 501(c)(3) board before. Greg is going to double-check constitutional procedure for filling an open office, members unanimously approved appointing Madison.

### Director At Large's Report – Lisa W8LSA

Lisa has been working on communication for the past month. GRARA is now on Twitter: @w8dc\_gr Lisa still needs a nice club-related picture for the Twitter profile page. Email suggestions to community@w8dc.org.

An article about the membership survey will be in the next issue of QRM.

Lisa is looking at other club web sites to get an idea of things we might add to ours. Ideas:

- Club history
- Calendar of events
- Resources for new hams or "ham-curious"

### Old Business

Chris KE8LQH contest report: April contest - VHF/UHF contest and HF contest. HF: QRP is this month's theme - SSB, CW, FT8, any band. VHF/UHF: QRP, date, callsign, mode. Goal is most contacts - one point per callsign per day. Same scoring and QRP rules for HF. Email final logs/scores to longcore@aol.com.

March winners:

- VHF/UHF Repeater - Tom Hansen N8DGD
- HF - Tom Hansen N8DGD

Hamvention: Everything is all set with tickets and AirBnB reservations.

## New Business

Jack NY8D: **Can club set up officers@w8dc.org distribution list?** Currently requires looking up each officer on the web site and adding email addresses individually. **Greg will look into this.**

Stephen AC8QE: **We need to get swap-meet flier submitted to ARRL.** John W8QZ will prepare a draft and send it to Greg.

Tom N8DGD: MI QSO party 4/16. Jared N8CZ is suggesting getting a small group together at someone's home to participate. Jared is going to look into rules on group operation, and also possibly host the group.

4/26 (4/28 backup date): Adopt-a-Highway roadside cleanup. By M-57 and Northland Drive. Meet at 5:30 PM by the Mobil station.

Mike: GRARA is not listed as an ARRL-affiliated club on their web site. He pointed this out to the section chief at the Crossroads hamfest. List hasn't been updated since 2017.

Constitution and bylaws: Greg N8HR presented the rough draft and changes from the current version. Members discussed the proposed changes. **Greg will present a new revision at the next meeting, and mail the proposed constitution to members.** Voting will take place at the following meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM. Minutes prepared by GRARA Secretary Dave Britten KD8DB.