

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting - Feb. 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. Zoom was used to allow remote participation.

Meeting began with member and visitor introductions.

President's Report – Greg Stoike N8HR

Officers' meeting last week. Would like to do events all spring, summer, and fall - fox hunts, social get-togethers, balloon launch, etc. Hoping to do one per month.

Vice President's Report – Steven Haueisen KD8MEY

Card for Tom KB8TYJ is available for signing. He had heart surgery on 1/18, and recovery is slow. Getting set up for CQ Worldwide RTTY contest.

Secretary's Report – Dave Britten KZ8SQL

Recap of old and new business from January meeting.

Motion to approve by Mike, seconded by Tom.

Treasurer's Report – Dave DeVos KF8QL

Report provided via email:

Fellow GRARA Members,

The GRARA Treasurer Report for February 2022.

Our starting balance was \$ 12,200.41

Income totaled \$206.49 from memberships

Expenditures totaled \$158.89

The general fund ending total balance is \$7792.01

The K8EIO directed fund balance is \$4456.00

Adding these two together, our total balance is \$12,248.01

My wife and I are currently on the road heading back from Florida to Grand Rapids, and I won't be able to attend the meeting in person. I'll do my best to attend via Zoom mobile.

Motion to approve by Jared, second by Steven. Approved.

\$30 to Jack for Get out of the Cabin Dinner, and \$100 for Hamvention booth.

Liaison Director's Report – Joseph Bell WD8USA

Liaison not present. Steven says he had been communicating with Red Cross and Life EMS about building access. Making progress with radio room.

Tech Director's Report – Stephen AC8QE

Crew of examiners was present for last month's VE session. Next session will be *next Friday*. Lisa W8LSA and Jared will be present.

Working with Jared on soldering and CNC facilities at GVSU.

On-Air Director's Report – Jared Bergeron N8CZ

Still pursuing Field-Day site. Same site as last year: Ravines Center. Not anticipating any problems. Looking at use of GVSU facilities for soldering training and similar activities. First project discussed is an offset attenuator with through-hole soldering. Jared is providing a tour of the labs after the meeting.

Off-Air Director's Report

Still looking for a permanent Off-Air Director.

Comments from Greg N8HR and Ron K8DMR

2/17 - Kendall Williams N8FNC, originally from MI, will be doing a lecture on amateur radio beginnings to 5,000-member MI section of IEEE. Electromagnetic Compatibility group. Meeting will be on Zoom, and will be recorded. Presentation will be 6:00-7:00 PM, virtual doors open at 5:30 PM.

Director At Large's Report – Lisa Britten W8LSA

Officers' meeting last week. Topic of discussion was long-term planning and perception of GRARA, and value to members. Lisa has a survey for members to find out what kinds of activities they are interested in to aid with club planning. We will be expanding GRARA's social media presence to increase advertising opportunities. Ideas can be sent to community@w8dc.org.

Trustee – Tom Hansen N8DGD

Technical datasheets for repeaters are up-to-date until May. Tom will try to keep track of their meeting minutes for new developments.

GVSU Report – Justin Wolters N8FCC

Justin gave a "What Is Amateur Radio?" presentation to interested students. Some expressed interest in licensing.

GVSU club planning to go to Big Sable Point Lighthouse in Ludington. May 14 tentatively.

Justin is trying to recruit membership to get access to GVSU Student Life funds.

Justin would be interested in a GRARA Member-At-Large position if created by constitutional amendment.

Greg N8HR is proposing purchasing a Zoom subscription at \$149.99 for the year. Motion was raised, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Dayton Hamvention: GRARA will have a booth and a truck available for members to conduct personal sales. \$100 for the club space. Dorms and dining are available. Some car-pooling may be available for travel.

New Business

Jared N8CZ was contacted by a member who has some antique radios and would like to pay someone who can repair and restore them. Owner is planning to sell them.

Chris Longcore KE8LQH has posted an informal contest on Facebook, hoping to boost repeater usage. Starting 12:01 AM 2/5/2022, on .260 repeater. One contact per day per callsign, open to club members. Ends on the 3rd Saturday of the month, submit entries to Chris by email. HF contest: CW or phone, 100 W max, work as many states as possible. Minimal logging and no confirmation required.

Dues are due by end of Feb.

Constitutional revision planned for next meeting.

Justin, Mike motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.