

# Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

## Business Meeting - July 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the President Greg Stoike N8HR at 7:06 PM. We began with member introductions.

### President's Report – Greg N8HR

Field Day was great, more detailed report forthcoming. We have shirts - members that haven't received theirs yet should contact Greg.

### Vice President's Report

Vice President not present.

### Secretary's Report – Dave KD8DB

Quick recap of the minutes from last-month's meeting.

Motion to approve by Tom K8TB, seconded by Tom KI8W. Motion passed

### Treasurer's Report - Dave KF8QL

- Our starting balance was this month was \$12,269.27
- Income totaled \$ 433.04 from memberships and donations
- Expenditures totaled \$200 for our recent tower maintenance
- The general fund ending total balance is \$8334.32
- The K8EIO directed fund balance is \$4167.99
- Adding these two together, our total balance is \$ 12,502.31

Dave has to file our federal and state tax returns this month.

Motion to approve by Madison, seconded by Tom K8TB.

### Off-Air Director's Report – Madison W8MMW

Knot-tying activity happening at our next meeting. This will be very useful for rigging antennas!

### Technical Director's Report – Stephen AC8QE

VE session next Friday - new Technician question pool goes into effect **today**. Stephen needs some volunteers to print exam booklets.

Tom Bosscher has supplied a rack cabinet provided by Ottawa County. This will replace the repeater hardware at the 5 Mile site. The current radio is transmitting around 50-60W. The new radio will be configured for 80W.

Stephen is looking for a half-height data rack. Ron Fredricks K8DMR has one he is looking to get rid of.

The repeater outage from last week was caused by a fuse bringing down a digital All-Star interface. Tom N8DGD connected to a different power source, which seems to have addressed the issue for now. Stephen and Tom are looking for a remote power control relay to reset equipment remotely.

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

Lisa brought the historical photo poster that was on display at Field Day. The club's year of origin is still up for debate, with roughly six possibilities.

At Field Day, Lisa was showing around her friend Sarah who works at Kent ISD. Sara is in charge of STEM and works with Ron Houghtman (sp?). The two of them are interested in doing some kind of radio event at Kent ISD next year, with GRARA and the GVSU Aamteur Radio Club invited.

### GVSU Report – Justin N8FCC

GVSU is working on a fall program with a company called E3 Compliant.

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

Field Day Report:

- Phone contacts: 656
- Digital contacts: 714
- **Total contacts: 1370**
- QSO points: 2084
- Bonus points: 1450
- **Total points: 3534**

Tom Behler made 412 CW contacts, which will be donated to GRARA's score.

Contacted all but 4 sections, and Grace made a contact with NA1SS on the ISS.

### New Business

The club owns a BPQ Winlink node on the Verizon tower at the Life EMS building. A lot of nodes around the state are going to backup UHF 9600 bps links. Total cost to upgrade the club's Winlink node to support this is \$287.64. Tom K8TB motions to reimburse himself for purchasing and installing the hardware, seconded by Dave KF8QL. Motion passed unanimously.

ARDC has set up a foundation to give away the \$90 million they received from the sale of 1/3 of the 44.0.0.0/8 IP address space. Some of this money is being used to augment state Winlink networks, which will eventually link to GRARA at no cost to the club.

Jared is offering to do a presentation on Winlink at a later meeting.

No status updates on the Life EMS building. Tom K8TB unofficially estimates completion is still 3 or 4 months away based on looking around inside the building.

GVSU police department is donating a bunch of old VHF mobile radios. 110W radios, not front-panel-programmable.

Mass-casualty simulation will be taking place at the GVSU stadium (Allendale campus), **Sunday, August 14.**

Greg and Jared have been talking to the National Fire Prevention Week people. This takes place in the **2nd week of October.** Pitching the idea of running a special-event station, N8F.

The Thirteen Colonies event is this weekend.

Jim K8CAM had a fall a few weeks ago.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Minutes prepared by GRARA Secretary Dave Britten KD8DB.