

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting - June 3, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:39 PM at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. Meeting began with member introductions.

President's Report - Greg N8HR

Constitution and bylaws being prepared for the next meeting. Greg is working on getting club t-shirts for all members.

Motion to spend \$700 on **t-shirts** raised by Greg. This amount would cover shirts for the current membership, plus a small amount of extra shirts (45 total). Navy-blue shirt with white GRARA logo on the back, call sign on the front (screen printed). 50/50 cotton/synthetic blend. Greg will send out an order form to allow members to select options (size, color, etc.).

Motion passed unanimously.

Greg would like to make a **new banner** for Field Day or other events. Motion to spend \$100 on a new banner. This will be a general-purpose GRARA banner, and not event-specific. Seconded by Justin N8FCC. Colors and design are as yet undecided. Passed unanimously.

Vice President's Report - Steven KD8MEY

Steven has been sending letters to new/renewed members thanking them for joining.

Treasurer's Report - Dave KF8QL

The GRARA Treasurer Report for May 2022.

- Our starting balance this month was \$ 12,244.54
- Income totaled \$38.22 from memberships and donations
- Expenditures totaled \$13.49 for our QTH web hosting
- The general fund ending total balance is \$8101.28
- The K8EIO directed fund balance is \$4167.99
- Adding these two together, our **total balance is \$12,269.27**

Motion to accept by Steven KD8MEY, seconded by Joe Bell WD8USA. Accepted unanimously.

Secretary's Report - Dave KD8DB

Motion to approve Mike MacDonald, seconded by Steven. Accepted unanimously.

Liaison's Report - Joe Bell WD8USA

Contacted Mike Newman two weeks ago. **Club can put the antenna back up on the roof** - we need to use rubber pads to protect the roof. Minor delays due to supply issues. We can probably move back into the

radio room by July. Elevator and restroom access are being finalized. Joe will check with Mike regarding platform ownership on the 125-foot tower.

Greg is suggesting painting the walls and would like to find out what we're allowed to do.

Technical Director's Report - Stephen AC8QE

Stephen is in Gaylord this week assisting the Red Cross - report given by Greg N8HR. We have found a tower climber to inspect our Verizon tower. Scheduled for June 11.

Greg motions to reserve \$300 to pay for an insured tower climb and inspection. Seconded by Steven KD8MEY. Motion carried unanimously.

Director At Large's Report - Lisa W8LSA

Lisa has earned GRARA some Field Day points by posting on Twitter. Lisa observed a lot of club logo patches at Hamvention, and is proposing an order for **custom GRARA patches** for all members. Total for 100 patches would be \$196 with free shipping. Delivery time is 3-4 weeks.

Greg motions spending \$225 for patches. Seconded by Justin. Passed unanimously.

GVSU Report - Justin N8FCC

Big Sable Lighthouse trip was a few weeks ago. Club made 249 contacts in 42 states, and 22 countries. VE session took place at 1:15 AM.

On-Air Director's Report - Jared N8CZ

About one month until Field Day. Greg and Jared met last Thursday to finalize operating plans. Phone station will be Jared's FT-991A. Greg will be supplying an RV and laptop. Trailer antenna will be used for the phone station. Going to put the phone station under the awning on Greg's RV with the GRARA and/or GVSU banners behind it.

Digital station will be Jim Hessler K8JH and the Ham Van with a 40 m dipole and a 6 m Yagi. Van has its own generator for power.

Tom Behler will provide everything needed for the CW station (radio, keys, antenna, laptop for logging). Still deciding on location - tentatively setting up inside Greg's RV if the antenna can be separated far enough from the phone station outside.

Dave DeVos will captain the VHF/UHF station.

Logging will be handled with N3FJP software.

No GOTA station planned. Third party transmissions will be accommodated on the phone station as needed.

Band selections are still TBD. Jared and Greg will have another meeting in a week or two for further planning.

This year's rules limit transmissions to 100 W. Visitor wireless network will be available at the site, and a cell phone tower is also nearby. We will have some monitors set up to display a scoreboard of contacts. Restrooms will be available. Breakfast on Saturday morning, 9:00 AM at Murphy's Restaurant in Allendale. Dinner on Saturday night will be hamburgers and hotdogs, plus potluck. Jared is also proposing a bring-your-own-steak cookout at midnight. Breakfast on Sunday is still being figured out. Possibly breakfast burritos.

Site plan will be emailed to groups.io list once antenna positions have been finalized.

Greg raises a motion to set aside \$300 to cover food and refreshments. Ron Fredricks K8DMR seconded. Passed unanimously.

Jared and Greg are requesting members bring camping equipment (fire pit, grill, canopy, etc.), or an extra generator or solar battery system for the club to borrow for the event.

Bring an HT!

Old Business

Jack NY8D has the GRARA trailer at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds in case anybody needs to use it during the hamfest.

Motion to adjourn Justin, seconded by Steven. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.