

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Executive Meeting - July 29, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM by President Greg Stoike.

President's Report – Greg N8HR

Field Day report has been submitted to ARRL - one of the highest scores we've had.

Show-and-Tell

Jared N8CZ: Show-and-Tell should happen after the business meeting adjourns. Greg is in agreement.

Discussion is around whether the format will be formal presentations, or an informal walk-and-talk setup of projects. Lisa suggests asking members on Facebook so they can come prepared.

Knot-tying presentation by Madison W8MWW will be next week, followed by the Show-and-Tell portion.

September Hamfest

GRARA hamfest will be at the home-school building on Burlingame Ave. on September 11. No club meeting that weekend. Need volunteers for running the ticket table, and also for the VE session at around 10:00 AM. This VE session will replace the one that would normally occur the following week.

Vice President's Report – Steven KD8MEY

Hamfest door prizes?

Time to start thinking about officer elections and see who is planning to run for what.

Secretary's Report - Dave KD8DB

Old business: Antenna is still waiting to be reinstalled on Life EMS roof. Not in a huge hurry, since there's nothing to hook up to at the moment.

On-Air Director's Report – Jared N8CZ

There was some question of who was permitted to set up stations at Field Day, and the club should find an official way to resolve this issues, as well as announce plans to the club members so everybody knows what will be set up. Communicating the plans as well as rationale for not having everyone setting up whatever stations they please (e.g. interference, safety) will go a long way toward establishing expectations. Start planning early to allow for ample communication.

GRARA is signed up to operate as N8F special event station for National Fire Prevention Week. We're coordinating with DARA (Dayton) on this. Club members can sign up to operate if our station is on the air by then. October 5-11?

Director-At-Large's Report – Lisa W8LSA

Lisa and Madison are meeting with Kent ISD to see if we might coordinate some kind of radio-related activity with them.

New Business

GRARA station will consist of at least the TS-2000 and TS-3000. The FT-991A will likely remain as the remote-control station, as it's particularly well suited for that role.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM. Minutes prepared by GRARA Secretary Dave Britten KD8DB.