

# Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Executive Meeting - May 4, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM.

## President's Report - Greg N8HR

Constitution and bylaws to be introduced at the next business meeting. Could not find any other clubs mandating bonding for the treasurer - dropping this from the bylaws.

Still working on GRARA club shirts. Would like to get them out before Field Day if possible. T-shirts likely less expensive than polo shirts.

Stephen AC8QE suggesting a shirt vendor in Rockford. Pegasus Sports.

43-foot vertical antenna has been temporarily taken off the roof. Roofers would like to put rubber pieces below the legs when replacing the antenna Saturday morning.

## Technical Director's Report - Stephen AC8QE

FCC is currently at a standstill granting licenses.

Four spaces for the Hamvention AirBnB are filled. Room for at least a few more. Located on the Southeast side of Dayton, about 20 minutes from Xenia.

## Secretary's Report - Dave KD8DB

Recap of old business from the previous meeting.

41 confirmed members for 2022 (paid or free memberships).

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

Lisa has been working on some GRARA historical research and is waiting to hear back from a couple of clubs about some former members. Bringing a card for Wendell's (K8OO) wife.

June GRARA meeting will be at Hudsonville IRA hamfest. There will be a potluck and plenty of food available.

Event ideas:

- Kent County Youth Fair - August 8-13 in Lowell. Possible event for a GRARA exhibition, get-on-the-air station, etc.
- Antenna-building workshop at Field Day.
- Grand Rapids holiday parade in November.
- Field Day streaming on Twitch or the like.

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

Jared talked to the Lanthorn newspaper, who will be doing a report on Field Day. GV Next magazine is going to have a photographer come out. Site is approved, and we have access to the building and restrooms, as well as power sources. Also approved for a cookout. Grand Valley guest wireless network will be available.

Jared is going to try to get some of the college administrators and directors to stop by.

Planning to put up a tower in Allendale - purchased from Dave DeVos KF8QL.

Jared is going to try to offer up some more contesting opportunities.

Tom Bosscher K8TB is looking for volunteers for Tulip Festival medical patrol.

Antenna workshop at GVSU went really well. Took about 2.5 hours to complete. Had to do a little bit of work ahead of time (drilling) to prep the kits. Built 6 end-fed half-wave antennas. Bought 10 kits for \$350.

MissDig survey is still in the works. Probably will be needed if we're using ground rods and anchors going 2-3 ft. into the ground.

Jared would like to get a nice Field Day banner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.