

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Executive Meeting - 2/25/2022

Pre-Meeting Chatter

Dave DeVos KF8QL suggesting membership renewal confirmations, possibly by mail. Going to include membership payment confirmation as part of monthly report.

Steven KD8MEY interested in keeping track of membership (join, renew, expiration) to reach out to members. General recruiting and engagement.

Meeting is officially called to order by President at 6:14 PM.

Officers In Attendance

- President - Greg Stoike N8HR
- Vice President - Steven Hau Eisen KD8MEY
- Secretary - Dave Britten KZ8SQL
- Treasurer - Dave DeVos KF8QL
- Technical Director - Stephen Provost AC8QE
- Director At Large - Lisa Britten W8LSA
- On-Air Director - Jared Bergeron N8CZ
- Trustee - Tom Hansen N8DGD

President's report – Greg N8HR

Greg N8HR is working on revising the constitution and bylaws. These are largely mechanical changes, with few changes to rules.

Vice President's report – Steven KD8MEY

Bylaws, 4C, bonding for treasurer. Greg N8HR believes our current insurance is equivalent. Constitution doesn't define whether the treasurer or the club pays for bonding. Steven KD8MEY recommends adding more explanation and definition to this bylaw. Dave DeVos KF8QL believes we have liability insurance, but this does not cover internal losses.

Section 6, nominating committee is specified as taking inventory. Makes more sense to move this responsibility to someone like Technical Director.

Secretary's report – Dave KZ8SQL

Membership list is up to date, available to officers in shared OneDrive folder.

Treasurer's report – Dave KF8QL

Many renewals this month, and a couple donations. Nothing unusual to report.

Director-At-Large's report – Lisa W8LSA

Sent out a slideshow with survey results. Presented executive summary of results. Communication with general public regarding radio was identified as the top priority for the club, followed in order by stewardship, service, and education. On-air activities were in last place, indicating a desire to get together for club activities. Remaining slides cover the more open-ended questions. 16 responses received. A pencil & paper survey might help increase the response rate.

Discussion of community service activity, or school outreach such as club sponsorship. Science Olympiad, Ham In a Day for teachers during the summer as PD.

Rich K8JX is going to include a survey write-up in QRM. Greg N8HR is going to make sure the QRM newsletters are posted on the web site. Planning to do another survey around August.

On-Air Director's report – Jared N8CZ

We are submitting proposal for Field Day to GVSU at the beginning of next week (2/28). This will secure our field day location, which they have told us will be available. Can then begin working out details for power. Greg is proposing having the reservation for Friday through Sunday. Jared in agreement.

Off-Air Director's report – Jared N8CZ

Jared N8CZ is working on drawing up PCBs for offset attenuator project. For fox-hunt make-and-take event. Aiming to have a BOM ready for the March officers' meeting.

No new reports on the tower trailer, still planning on having it available. Greg N8HR has a portable generator with 30-ft. mast that will also be available.

Planning to set up three stations. Probably not having a formal GOTA station, but will gladly hand the mic to newcomers and third parties.

Site has a small building with restrooms, otherwise it's mainly grass and asphalt. Standing water can lead to a lot of mosquitoes. Pest-control service might be available.

Survey showed interest in doing a special event station at some point. Art Prize would be a neat venue. Confluence would be another good venue for late summer or fall (Sept. 21-24).

Tech Director's report – AC8QE

Feb. VE session had several passes, and one participant who passed both Technician and General. Working on getting Field Day generator done. Power Pod available at upcoming repo auction; Stephen will be bidding.

Jared N8CZ willing to donate a small Newelec SDR.

Trustee's report – Tom N8DGD reporting on Joe Bell's behalf

Joe Bell talked to Life EMS about building. Still figuring out handicap access. Having difficulty getting things completed, and getting subcontractors.

Tom N8DGD willing to try teaching an introductory CW class.

Jared N8CZ and Justin N8FCC are doing monthly presentations for GVSU radio club. Some of these could be used for GRARA meetings.

Old Business

Stephen AC8QE reaching out to Hamvention to see if any colleges will be hosting.

Get-out-of-the-Cabin Dinner coming up soon. March 12, Hudsonville Pizza Ranch.

New Business

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. Minutes prepared by Secretary Dave Britten KZ8SQL.