

# Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

## **Business Meeting - April 14, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President Greg Stoike N8HR.

The meeting started with introductions.

### President's Report- Greg N8HR

Not much to report the past several months, aside from the extensive work going on in the radio room.

Michigan QSO party starts tomorrow! The club will be operating from the radio room this weekend.

We're hoping to climb the tower soon and add more antenna options.

### Vice President's Report- Steven KD8MEY

Not present tonight.

### Secretary's Report- Dave KD8DB

Secretary no longer in the hospital. Thanks to everyone that has paid dues, and those who haven't can do so via w8dc.org.

Minutes approved.

### Treasurer's Report- Dave KF8QL

Not present tonight.

### Liaison Director's Report- Jim K8JH

Club still has a nice multi-band Kenwood radio for sale from the estate sale.

Memorandum of understanding with Life EMS is still pending.

### Tech Director's Report- Stephen AC8QE

Last month: 5 new techs, 1 general, 2 techs upgraded to general.

This month: 7 passed, including 3 extras.

We currently have 5 people interested in attending Hamvention. We've got a rental house in Centerville for the weekend. The house will accommodate 8.

### On-Air Director's Report- Chris KE8LQH

Everyone is welcome to come to the radio room to participate in the Michigan QSO Party on Saturday from noon until midnight. Snacks and refreshments will be available. This is a relatively informal contest. Voice and CW, 80 - 10 meters. CW contacts are worth double points.

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

Lisa is assisting with VE testing upstairs, but via Secretary had nothing to report.

### Trustee's Report- Tom N8DGD

Nothing new to report.

### New Business

Students will be talking to astronauts on the International Space Station on Thursday at 2:20 PM.

June 3: IRA Hamfest at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. GRARA meeting will be the night before at the fairgrounds.

Adopt-a-Highway will be on April 25, arrive 5:30 PM. Meet at Northland Dr. and M-57.

The club is trying to organize a class to teach interested parties how to use the new Flex Radio.

Any members that haven't picked up their t-shirts yet can get them from Greg.

The club is in need of a climbing harness. Further research needs to be done.

Mike AA8MG is suggesting club nametags (nothing overly fancy/expensive).

### Old Business

Cortland Richmond KA5S still has a bunch of stuff to sell and/or donate. Jack NY8D is attempting to make arrangements to gather the equipment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Meeting adjourned. Minutes prepared by GRARA Secretary Dave Britten KD8DB.