

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting - Feb. 3, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Stoike N8HR at 7:03 PM. The meeting began with introductions.

President's Report- Greg N8HR

Nothing much to report this month. Work on the radio room is still progressing.

Vice President's report- Steven KD8MEY

Club might be sharing a table at the Skywarn training.

Secretary's Report- Dave KD8DB

Events:

- Get Out of the Cabin Dinner - March 18
- Skywarn Training - March 21

Motion to approve by Tom K8TB, seconded by Tom N8DGD. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report- Dave KF8QL

My GRARA Treasurers Report for January 2023 is as follows:

- Our starting balance this month was \$6696.64
- Our Income totaled \$72.03 from memberships & donations
- The expenditures this month totaled \$55.08 for holiday party expenses.
- The general fund ending total balance is \$6713.59

Dues are due by end of February. Regular dues are \$25, senior (70+) are \$15. Payments can be accepted via the Paypal link on w8dc.org.

Motion to approve by Steven KD8MEY. Seconded by Stephen AC8QE. Report approved unanimously.

Director-at-Large's Report- Lisa W8LSA

Tom Behler KB8TYJ would like to know if anybody would like to represent GRARA at the club table at the Skywarn training in March. Contact Lisa or Tom if you are interested.

Liaison Director's Report- Jim K8JH

Jim is trying to contact someone at Life EMS to start networking, but they've been extremely busy and Jim hasn't been able to arrange anything yet.

Allison, Emergency Manager for Grand Rapids is a ham radio aficionado and is interested in the club. Jim has been invited to the quarterly meeting.

On-Air Director's Report- Chris KE8LQH

Radio room is very close to being ready for use. We're open on Wednesday from 4:00 until about 6:30 for visitors or helpers. We'll also be opening the radio room on Sundays from 1:00 until 4:00 starting this weekend. Some of the radios and antennas are hooked up and ready to use.

Tech Director's Report- Stephen AC8QE

Stephen would like to thank Chris, Greg, and Jeff for their work on the radio room downstairs.

January VE session had three test takers. One new technician, and an upgrade to extra class. VE session next week will likely be upstairs in classroom B, but this is subject to change.

Club repeater has been occasionally broadcasting a dead carrier from time to time. Report this to Stephen or Tom N8DGD if you catch it in the act.

Old Business

None this month!

New Business

Jack NY8D won't be going to Hamvention this year, and is offering the use of his trailer, tables, etc. for anybody that would like to organize getting a space for the club. Stephen AC8QE has volunteered to take this on.

Two houses with 5 beds each are available for rental for Hamvention. Stephen will reach out for details on rates.

Motion to adjourn by Mike KB8KB, seconded by Justin N8FCC. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM. Minutes prepared by GRARA Secretary Dave Britten KD8DB.