

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting - March 3, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM with an opening & welcome from Greg N8HR, President. Dave KD8DB, Secretary, is unable to provide previous minutes due to acute illness (not serious), special thanks to Mike McDonald AA8MG for taking down minutes for this meeting.

20 people present combined between in person & Zoom.

President's Report- Greg N8HR

Not much to comment on.

Vice President's Report- Steven KD8MEY

Club is considering a possible addition to repeaters - maybe 6M or 220 MHz.

Tech Director's Report- Stephen AC8QE

VE Report: 1 person passed the Technician. 3/10 next exam date.

Regarding repeater expansion, the club did have 6 M in the past and being investigated to renew. Network to 92nd St being reactivated to radio room.

Liaison Director's Report- Jim K8JH

Plaque made in memoriam to Bob Sheneman K8EIO. Zoom meeting with GRPD rescheduled to end of month.

Director at Large's Report- Lisa W8LSA

Tom Behler reminds everyone about SkyWARN Weather Spotter training March 21 at Grandville Middle School. Lisa will put a registration link on the GRARA Facebook page. Paperwork being submitted for Field Day.

Get Out of The Cabin Dinner 3/18 at Pizza Ranch Hudsonville.

On-Air Director's Report- Chris KE8LQH

On Air Director: Radio Room open!!! Sunday 1 pm-4 pm & Wed 4-whenver.

Treasurer's Report- Dave KF8QL

- Beginning balance \$6,713.59
- Income \$431.09 from memberships & donations
- Expenses \$158.89 Zoom subscription renewal
- Ending balance \$6,986.79.

Moved to accept, 2nd. Approved.

Old Business

\$250 needed to NY8D for Hamvention expenses. Moved, 2nd, approved. Need to know ASAP who wants to go. Same AirBnB has been secured. \$200 per person.

New Business

Dave KF8QL says a ham who is aging wants to sell a Flexradio 6400M for \$2500. He moves to purchase this for the club; 2nd. Discussion ensued about remote operation so 2 operators can use receive, 1 can transmit. Likely sell the TS-2000 to help offset the cost. Concern raised about the internet bandwidth needed for remote operation. Will be investigated. Approved.

Jim Hessler K8JH moves to authorize sale of surplus club radios and/or surplus equipment to offset purchase of Flexradio. 2nd. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM. Meeting minutes recorded by Mike McDonald AA8MG and prepared by Secretary Dave Britten KD8DB.