

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Executive Meeting - Mar. 31, 2023

Business meeting will tentatively be April 14 due to Good Friday. VE session will be the same day.

President's Report- Greg N8HR

Greg has been working on the radio room, and also would like to do a fox hunt. Looking at April 22 as a possible date.

Vice President's Report- Steven KD8MEY

Steven is still doing research on the 220 repeater project.

Secretary's Report- Dave KD8DB

Nothing new to report.

Tech Director's Report- Stephen AC8QE

VE session will be April 14.

Stephen has been researching possible repeater upgrades to improve reception and range.

Hamvention prep is still in progress.

On-Air Director's Report- Chris KE8LQH

The radio room now has a rotating beam. First contact was to a station in Brazil on 10m.

The vertical antenna is partially working. Attendance has been good - 3-4 people on Sunday, sometimes more.

Michigan QSO party will be April 15-16.

Director-At-Large's Report- Lisa W8LSA

Skywarn training last week was sold out - over 400 attendees. GRARA gave out some brochures and fliers.

Lisa attended the last business meeting on Zoom, and noticed that it's very difficult to hear audience members. Greg will do some experimenting with the audio.

Liaison Director's Report- Jim K8JH

Jim met with the Grand Rapids emergency management team this morning. The club has sold the two older radios from the estate sale.

Old Business

Justin N8FCC has started the paperwork for hosting Field Day at GVSU.

Hamvention field spaces are paid for. We also have a house rented with room for one more.

New Business

Chris KE8LQH suggests having orientations to introduce operation of the club's Flex Radio for those who are interested.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM. Minutes prepared by GRARA Secretary Dave Britten KD8DB.