

# Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

## **Business Meeting - Aug. 2, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by president Steven Haueisen KD8MEY. We began with introductions.

## **President's Report - Steven KD8MEY**

.76 Fusion repeater has been removed from its hospital location and is in storage in preparation for moving to Moline.

Steven has reached out to Ron K8DMR about running our election committee again this year.

Bylaws are still being finalized.

## **Vice President's Report - Lisa W8LSA**

Last week Thursday, Lisa gave a 90-minute presentation to Grand Rapids CERT. 12 people were in attendance, and they learned about amateur radio and how getting licensed can complement what their team does for emergency response.

## **Secretary's Report - Dave KD8DB**

Recap of last month's minutes.

Motion to approve by Thom K18W, seconded by Ron K8DMR. Motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report - Dave KF8QL**

Per previous motion from membership, \$2500 is being transferred into CD.

Treasurer's report approved unanimously.

## **Tehcnical Director's Report - Stephen AC8QE**

4 people took tests, 5 tests taken, 4 new technicians. Next testing session will be 8/9 at the Life EMS location.

All of the Fusion repeater equipment has been moved into the radio room and garage for temporary storage. We'll be moving the repeater to Moline on the T&W tower. \$120/year annual rent.

Stephen motions we spend \$120/year for the location. Seconded by Ron K8DMR. Motion passed unanimously

We may need someone that knows how to do the needed adjustments for combiner cans.

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

We are open on Wednesday, 4:00 - 6:00, Sundays 1:00 - 4:00. Everyone is welcome, and the room is available to be used for contesting. Refreshments are available.

## Liaison Director's Report - Jim K8JH

Jim thanks Lisa for presenting to Grand Rapids CERT and helping build that relationship.

## Trustee's Report - Tom N8DGD

Nothing to report.

## Old Business

Steven KD8MEY has been talking to Glen about a tower climb this month.

## New Business

Jim K8JH: Typically GRARA made a donation to the Red Cross when they owned the clubhouse building, but we have not done this yet for Life EMS. Jim motions we pay them \$250 as thanks for the facilities and expenses for hosting us. Seconded by Dave KF8QL. Motion is carried.

Swap meet is coming up on Saturday, September 7. Setup starts Friday night prior. Stephen AC8QE may need a ride to/from the location. We will be at the Home School Building again this year. Tentatively, a group may meet for dinner somewhere the night before.

Steven KD8MEY and Tom KB8TYJ will start announcing the hamfest on the repeaters. Lisa will create an event on Facebook again this year.

We will need people to assist with vehicle traffic, and we will need VEs for the testing session.

Jack NY8D would like to know if there are any estate sales that need to be promoted.

Door prizes are still TBD.

Motion to adjourn by Thom KI8W. Seconded by Stephen AC8QE. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM. Minutes prepared by GRARA Secretary Dave Britten KD8DB.