

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting - July 5, 2024

President's Report - Steven KD8MEY

Constitution/bylaws are still pending.

.76 Fusion repeater will likely be moving to Moline.

Next month we'll be putting together a nomination committee for October's elections.

Homeschool building is rented and paid for. We are all set for September hamfest.

Vice President's Report - Lisa W8LSA

Thursday, July 25 - Amateur radio presentation for Grand Rapids Emergency Management. Will be around 6:30 PM. Grand Rapids Fire Department Training Center, 1101 Monroe E. Lisa may be reaching out for co-presenters.

Secretary's Report - Mike AA8MG

Mike has emailed the June minutes (very brief - the meeting was at the Hudsonville fairgrounds).

This will be Mike's last on-site meeting, as he will be moving to Tennessee on 7/15.

Treasurer's Report - Dave KF8QL

Dave has investigated CD rates. Currently around 5% for 12 months.

Technical Director's Report - Stephen AC8QE

8 people tested last month, 10 tests taken, 4 new technicians, 2 general upgrades, 1 new general.

We have until the end of September to move the repeater. Tentatively moving it on the 19th or 26th (July).

On-Air Director's Report - Chris KE8LQH

Field Day was a success and had about 30-50 people. Radio room is still open Wednesdays and Sundays.

Trustee's Report - Tom N8DGD

Repeater has been a little quiet lately.

Member at Large's Report - Greg N8HR

We had some issues with rain, thunder, lightning, and GFCI at Field Day, but overall it was a success.

- 1040 contacts
- 301 were CW
- 39+ digital contacts (Dave KF8QL has 50 VHF contacts that are still pending)
- 705 phone contacts, most by Justin N8FCC, Greg N8HR, and Jared N8CZ

Total was better this year than last year.

Next year's Field Day will need to be at a new location, as the student who arranges the GVSU site will be graduating. Location TBD.

Old Business

Tom N8DGD motions up to \$400 for a tower climb to move the repeater. Seconded by Jack NY8D. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Steven nominates Dave KD8DB to fill in as interim secretary in Mike's departure (moving to Tennessee). Motion seconded by Stephen AC8QE. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM. Minutes prepared by GRARA Interim Secretary Dave Britten KD8DB.