

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting – April 4, 2025

The scheduled monthly presenter was Tom Behler (KB8TYJ). He discussed how he operates on the air while being blind and brought his equipment to demonstrate. He talked about VHF/UHF nets and his involvement. He passed out information for members to look at.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Greg Stoike N8HR.

We began with introductions.

President's Report – Greg N8HR

A list of 10 new/renewal members was provided.
Dave and Tom approved the president's updates.

Vice President's Report Ron K8DMR

Updated the cross band and cross mode on the VHF 2 meter.

Secretary's Report Cathy KF8BTN

Read the March 7, 2025 meeting minutes. Ten new members were added.
The secretary's report was approved.

Treasurer's Report Dave KF8QL

The March treasury report is as follows:

- Total income totaled \$224.91 from donations and membership dues.
- Expenditures were \$294.40. The biggest expenditure was \$235.00 for the Dayton Hamvention.
- Checking account balance is \$8129.71 and the Certificate of Deposit is \$2,500.00
- Ending balance is \$10,629.71

Tech Director's Report Stephen AC8QE

Four tested at the March VE session. One passed for General and one for Amateur Extra.

On-Air Director's Report Chris KE8LQH

The Radio Room hours are Wednesdays 5:00 to approximately 8:30. The room will be closed on Easter Sunday. More people are showing up during the Wednesday hours.

Director at Large Bruce AA8YC

May's presenter will be Conlin McConkey from Kent County SyWarn and will also promote nets.

Trustee Report Tom N8DGD

Nothing new to report.

Old Business

Ham of the Year plaque was presented to Greg.

New Business

No new business to report.

Motion to adjourn was accepted. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by GRARA Secretary Cathy Gillett KF8BTN.