

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting – August 1, 2025

The scheduled monthly presenter was Dave DeVos (KF8QL) discussing Contesting. He explained the various methods he uses to do Contesting across MI and further. ARRL Contesting is January, June, August, September 13th and 14th. CQ is done in July.

Meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by President Greg Stoike (N8HR).

We began with introductions.

President's Report – Greg N8HR
Nothing new to report

Vice President – Ron K8DMR
Absent

Secretary's Report – Cathy KF8BTN
July's minutes were approved.
Anyone present who still needs to pick up their membership card, see me after the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Dave DeVos KF8QL
Renewed the Post Office Box
Nothing else to report.

On-Air Director's Report – Chris KE8LQH
There isn't any Internet at this time in the radio room.
Club Net Tuesday August 5 for Richie Ranta

Tech Director's Report – Stephen AC8QE
Eight people tested in July. 15 tests were taken with 5 new technicians and 1 general upgrade.
The August 8, 2025 testing resulted in the following licenses:

- David Peterson, Lowell passed the technician class and is KF8EVF
- Neal Jacobsen, Marne passed the general class license KF8EPO
- Braedon Besteman, Hudsonville also passed the general class license KF8EPW

Director at Large – Bruce AA8YC
Presentations are scheduled through January 2026.

- October Sam Nabkey K8SN: West Michigan Technical Group
- November Tom Behler: Handi Hams for handicapped Hams
- December Bruce Jenvey: Christmas on the Air

Old Business:
Nothing to report

New Business:
Zoey has a new antenna for the Radio Room and can also climb the tower. She knows someone who also can help

Ryan: Calvin Club should be in place by September. The college is looking forward to hosting field day next year.

Ham Fest: Publicity will go out to various clubs.

12 Comp tables with 2 extra at \$2.00 each

Tickets are \$8.00 each

Trunk Sales are free

Will get \$500.00 in \$1.00 bills

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM