

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting – July 11, 2025

The scheduled monthly presenter was Nick Juliano (W1NRJ) discussing Army Radio Operations. After his 2016 Graduation from West Point went on to serve in various positions and with the 101st Airborne. He explained how radio communications starting during the Korean War (Conflict) and used more during Viet Nam. He explained the different communications and radios used at different rank or levels.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by President Greg Stoike N8HR.

We began with introductions.

President's Report – Greg N8HR

At Field Day GRARA achieved 5,007 points or contacts made. The weekend was a great success within an established network. We have the possibility for Calvin College for 2026.

Vice President's Report Ron K8DMR

Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report Dave KF8QL

The May/June treasurer's report is as follows:

- Total income totaled \$877.23 from donations, membership dues, and a speaking engagement.
- Expenditures were \$14.49 for web hosting.
- Checking account balance is \$8,967.23 and the Certificate of Deposit is \$2,500.00
- Ending balance is \$11,467.34
- Looking at the possibility for t-shirt sales for new members.

Secretary's Report Cathy KF8BTN

May 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

Liaison and PIO Jim K8JH

Contacted City Emergency Management for field day. Both people are now gone and will need to start over as soon as new people are in place.

Director at Large Bruce AA8YC

Thanks to Nick for his presentation. No further presenters and this time.

Tech Director's Report Stephen AC8QE

Nine tested at the June VE session and two passed.

On-Air Director's Report Chris KE8LQH

The Radio Room hours are Wednesdays 5:00 to approximately 8:30. Sunday hours are 1: to 4:00.

Old Business:
No old business.

New Business:

- September Swap will once again be at the Home School Bldg. and tables are \$5 each. Parking lot will be unavailable for the August meeting.
- Reminder that new Hams membership is free the first year.
- Zoey Chulski was approved for membership.

Welcome newly passed Technicians:

- Tom French KF8EPR, Petersburg, MI
- Vincent Kempinks KF8EPS, Comstock Park, MI
- Neal Jacobsen KF8EPO, Marne, MI
- Braeden Besteman KF8EPW, Hudsonville, MI
- Penny Britten KF8EPQ, Grand Rapids, MI
- Zoey Chulski W3ZOE, Kentwood, MI upgraded to General Class. Congratulations Zoey!

Motion to adjourn was accepted. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Minutes prepared by GRARA Secretary Cathy Gillett KF8BTN.