

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting – May 2, 2025

The scheduled monthly presenter was Conlin McConkey from Kent County SkyWarn. He presented many various aspects of what Ken County SkyWarn does while also discussing how nets work and various radios used. It was very informative.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM by President Greg Stoike N8HR.

We began with introductions.

President's Report – Greg N8HR

Updated and reminded everyone that the June 6 meeting will be at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. There will be a potluck dinner prior to the meeting. If you wish to sell items see or contact Stephen Provost. New members: Vernon Tallman and John Kay accepted and approved.

Vice President's Report Ron K8DMR

Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report Dave KF8QL

The April treasury report is as follows:

- Total income totaled \$114.89 from donations and membership dues.
- Expenditures were \$140.00 for the Dayton Hamvention expenses and for renewing our W8DC radio license.
- Checking account balance is \$8104.60 and the Certificate of Deposit is \$2,500.00
- Ending balance is \$10,604.60
- Carl Thompson's (WA8AAT) daughter, Teresa wants his tower taken down and is for sale. The person buying these towers would need to make their own arrangements to remove them.
- WMEL wants us to do a presentation. Lisa will do the presentation.
- Joe Foss (WD8BVL) from the Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Team (SMART) has requested some assistance and guidance to become a 5001C3 non-profit.
- Jeff Janke is in the hospital and doing OK.

Secretary's Report Cathy KF8BTN

Read the April 4, 2025 meeting minutes. The April treasurers report was also read and approved.

Liaison and PIO Jim K8JH

Nothing new to report.

Director at Large Bruce AA8YC

Since July's meeting is on July 4th, we will meet on July 11th.

Tech Director's Report Stephen AC8QE

Eleven tested at the April VE session. Five technicians passed and one general upgrade.

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:

Hamvention: Two or three are going and will leave on Thursday and return on Saturday. Stephen has two easy-up tents and will rent a U-Haul trailer

Motion to adjourn was accepted. Meeting adjourned at 8:80 PM.

Minutes prepared by GRARA Secretary Cathy Gillett KF8BTN.