

## **Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association**

### **Business Meeting** –April 3, 2026

April's presentation was by Colin McConkey from Kent County SkyWarn. He provided information on the history of SkyWarn and the different weather alerts used during an active storm alert. SkyWarn is not only for severe weather, but also for blizzard and ice storm conditions.

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

We began with introductions.

#### **President's Report** – Greg N8HR

A six-month contract was signed with Calvin University and our meetings will begin in May at the Science Building. There is plenty of parking available. A map will be designed and posted for directions. Bottled water and pop are ok to bring, but any food or snacks must be purchased through Calvin,

#### **Vice President** – Ryan N5RAD

A POTA committee has been formed to get together with Calvin students. Calvin's Saturday room is open only for students. The club call sign is KF8FDY.

#### **Secretary's Report** – Cathy KF8BTN

Read the minutes of the March 6th meeting.  
Minutes were approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report** – Dave KF8QL

- Reminded members to renew their dues.
- The insurance to get rider for Calvin was added. It is a \$2 million liability policy. It protects the officers and anything that could happen at Calvin,

#### **Tech Director's Report** – Stephen AC8QE

Two applicants tested for five tests. Two Technicians passed for their license.

April 10, 2026, VE testing will again be held at Calvin. This should be a large group with many Calvin students taking tests.

#### **On-Air Director's Report** – Chris KE8LQH

The radio room will be open on Easter Sunday during its regular hours of 1:00-4:00 PM. Radion room hours are Wednesday from 5:00-8:00 PM and Sunday from 1:00-4:00 PM. The room has more space since some of the equipment was sold at Lowell.

**Director at Large** – Bruce AA8YC

The newsletter is going well. Remember, if you have an event or anything you would like to have included let him know. If you can provide pictures, please do.

**New Business:**

Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM