

## **Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association**

### **Business Meeting** – February 6, 2026

Chris Longcore was February's Presenter. He provided a virtual tour of the Club Shack aka Radio Room. The radio room is located at Life EMS on Fuller Ave. It helps new hams learn radios, antennas and make contacts. Radio room hours are Wednesday from 5:00 – 8:00 PM and Sundays from 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

Meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM.

We began with introductions.

**President's Report** – Greg N8HR  
Nothing new to report

**Vice President** – Ryan N5RAD

Meeting at Calvin is starting to look promising. At this time, the charge would be \$64.15 per meeting. They would also host VE Testing.

**Secretary's Report** – Cathy KF8BTN  
Read the minutes of the January 2nd meeting.  
Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dave KF8QL

- Income was \$49.01 from membership dues.
- The expenditures totaled \$782.88 for Flexradio repair, and a donation to the SAARC Radio Club.
- The checking account balance is \$12,691.69 and Certificate of Deposit balance is \$2,500.00.
- Adding those two balances together leaves our total account balance at \$15,191.69

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

No one showed up for the January VE testing. February will again be at the Cedarfield Community Building.

Since testing is mobile further testing at Calvin is feasible.

**Director at Large** – Bruce AA8YC

- March's meeting and VE testing will be at Cedarfield.
- Colin McConkey will be discussing Kent County SkyWarn at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Bruce has started the QRM Newsletter.

**Trustee:** Tom N8DGD  
Nothing new to report.

**Old Business:**  
Nothing to report.

**New Business:**  
Dave thinks there are a lot of possibilities at Calvin. They will need help with coax, antennas, and any other items.

Ryan has been attempting to educate students on everything Ham. They have six operators. Two general and four tech's with licenses, They do have officers.

Stephen will volunteer to help with setting things up.

A motion was made by Dave for \$500 for equipment set up at Calvin. He has also been working on a budget so the club can review and vote on,

The bill for Zoom was requested and motion passed to pay \$169.49.

Bruce made a motion to issue a small donation of \$50.00 each month to Cedarfield that we use for their facility. The motion was passed unanimously.

Cathy will send a Get Well card to Ron Fredericks.

Stephen mentioned that it is time to think ahead about reserving the spot for the Ohio HamFest. He will check on the availability of the Air BNB previously used to stay at.

Carroll Matulis WB8Z was approved for membership.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM