

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting – March 6, 2026

Colin McConkey was scheduled to be the March Presenter. However, he had to reschedule for April 3, 2026, due to severe weather and was needed elsewhere.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

We began with introductions.

President's Report – Greg N8HR

We received thank you cards from SARTS and the Cedarfield Activities Committee.

Vice President – Ryan N5RAD

Calvin's Radio Room is fully online now with the monetary amount of \$500.00 from GRARA. It is open from 2 – 4 PM on Saturdays only currently at this time.

Secretary's Report – Cathy KF8BTN

Read the minutes of the February 6th meeting.

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Dave KF8QL

- Income was \$45.65 largely from membership dues.
- The expenditure totaled \$723.32 for our Zoom subscription at \$169.49. A \$50.00 donation to Cedarfield Activities Committee for hosting our monthly meetings. And a \$500 donation to the Calvin College Radio Club
- The checking account balance is \$12,014.02 and Certificate of Deposit balance is \$2,500.00.
- Adding those two balances together leaves our total account balance at \$14,514.02.
- Dave had a nice tour at Calvin, and everything looks good.

Tech Director's Report – Stephen AC8QE

One person tested in February. She took all three tests in one ½ hours and received her Technician and General licenses.

March 13th VE testing will again be held at Cedarfield.

A motion was made to sell the PC for \$70 that can be updated. The motion was approved and passed unanimously.

Tom Hansen and Stephen went to Moline and connected the repeaters.

Contacted West MI Connect to learn more about fusion.

New Business:

Dave recommends that we complete the agreement with Calvin. The fees will be \$50 per meeting and \$50 for VE Testing. A motion was made and passed unanimously.

There are a couple of sites for Field Day at Calvin, but it is only in the works at this time.

Stephen mentioned that the housing will be about \$300 for the May 13 – 17th HamVention.

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 April 3rd meeting.
- Bruce gave an update on the QRM Newsletter. If you have anything you would like to add, let him know and if possible, send him pictures.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM