

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Business Meeting –May 1, 2026

May's presentation was by Patrick Stoddard WD9EWK. He provided information on Operating Amateur Satellites and working remotely.

Meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM.

We began with introductions.

President's Report – Greg N8HR

Welcome to Calvin University! Reminded members that our June meeting be at the IRA Hamfest at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds.

Vice President – Ryan N5RAD

Has a Field Day committee and they have been working on sites to operate at.

Secretary's Report – Cathy KF8BTN Read

the minutes of the April 3rd meeting.

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Dave KF8QL

- Income for this period totaled \$345.76 and was largely from membership dues.
- Expenditures included \$59.40 for our QTH Web Hosting subscription and \$779.00 for our liability insurance.
- Checking account balance is \$11,471.38 and Certificate of Deposit is \$2,500.00
- The checking account balance is \$13,971.38 after adding the two balances together.
- Remember to pay your dues!
- Made a motion to do our annual donation to the IRA (Independent Repeater Association) of \$250.00. This is to help defray the costs they incur in hosting our equipment on the 92nd Street hill. The motion was approved and passed.

Tech Director's Report – Stephen AC8QE

Fifteen applicants signed up for testing. Seventeen tested and 24 tests were given. 11 Technicians, 1 General and 2 Extra Amateur passed for their licenses.

May 8, 2026, VE testing will be held at Calvin.

On-Air Director's Report:

We need to elect a new On-Air Director to replace Chris Longcore. Currently, we have Greg and Ryan filling in.

Director at Large – Bruce AA8YC

The QRM deadline for submitting articles is May 15, 2026, for an issue date after Memorial Day. If have anything to submit let Bruce know. Remember pictures are nice to have.

Liaison Director – Tom N8DGD

He will be meeting at Chris' house to pick up his donated equipment. We need a Tuesday Net Control to replace Chris.

New Business:

May 23rd from 12:00 to 2:00 pm there will be a POTA Activation for Calvin and anyone else at Belknap Park.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM