

**Grand Rapids Amateur Radio
Association Meeting Minutes**

December 2th, 2016

These Minutes were corrected at the January 6th,2017 meeting

The Annual Christmas Potluck was held before the business meeting.

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:26pm by President, Tom Hansen.

President's Report

Tom Hansen, N8DGD Tom gave opening remarks about the wonderful Potluck Dinner we just had. Tom said he had a few Technical Data Sheets to update with The Michigan Area Repeater Council. We've done a lot of technical accomplishments this past month.

VP Report

John Steyle W8QZ. Has done a lot of work getting the beam to work.

Secretary's Report

Rich Ranta K8JX: Rich read the secretary's report. There were no corrections made: Tom made a motion to accept: seconded by Dustin. It passed.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA Rich gave the Treasurer's report. We had a starting balance of \$5413.94. New balance is \$3793.47. Dustin made a motion to accept: seconded by Rich: it passed.

W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen

Tom still has a few TDS's to update.

On Air Director Report:

Hank was not present.

Off Air Director Report:

Dustin will be showing a video of inventors, two of which deal with Amateur Radio.

Tech. Director Report:

Steve ac8qe. We can have internet from 92nd street to the radio room, but it will **NOT** be charged. We are also limited to 50 gig's of data. We can't play music through it. Steve also brought his radio he would like to see loaned out to ham's and special events.

Dustin made a motion to accept, seconded by Phil. It passed.

Member-At-Large Report: No report

Red Cross Liaison Report: Jim reported that Tom n8dgd, Jim plus a GVSU group helped instead smoke detectors. The new RINGO antenna has improved coverage than the older antenna.

Digital Rep. Report: No report

Web Master Report: Tom is working on the domain name and also making an officers page. He is going to start working on the site after the holidays. We had a discussion on whether to use Face Book or just the web site: we decided on using both.

VE Team Report:

Rich reported he had 4 take the VE exam, and one failed.

Additional Reports: Tom Boshier will be holding a 9 week General license class in January. Rich D. reported he has secured the site for our swap [9-9-2017](#). Rich D also said we need somebody to check on the Post office box. We want 3 or 4 members to have access to get the mail.

Tom Boshier's General class has been cancelled due to conflict in scheduling.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business

There is a Spark in the park coming next year. It will be held in the homeschool building. More later.

Rich K8JX made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Dustin. The meeting ended at 8:09PM

Attendance

Call	Name
N8DGD	Tom
KD8PUZ	Dustin
AC8QE	Stephen

K8CAN	Jim
AB8ND	Jack
N8VLJ	John
KE8DPS	Bob
KD8PZK	Bill
W8QZ	John
KI8W	Thom
	Bob
AC8YA	nelson
W8IPN	Philip
KD8VFC	Bob
K7ZUR	John
KN4CK	Greg
W8MSK	Jerry
KD8OHS	Frank
WD8USA	Joe
K8JH	Jim
K8TB	Tom
K8EIO	Bob
KB8KB	Micheal
KD8HNF	Robert
K8JX	Rich
AA8JR	Jim