

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes

March 4th, 2016

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:01pm by President, Tom Hansen.

President's Report

Tom Hansen, N8DGD: had the people introduce themselves. He then had John Brocker, K9ZUT, give his presentation on "Stealth Antennas". He had a very informative handout sheet. The handout will be posted on the Web site. John has tested many configurations on how to "hide" an antenna inside a narrow space. We ended the presentation by having a question and answer period. We thanked John for the presentation. He added that do not switch on the tuner when the power is hot.

VP Report

Mike Bottema, K8EX: No report

Secretary's Report: The secretary read the minutes from last months meeting: there was a correction. The treasurer's amount was incorrect: it should have been \$5586.02. Hank made a motion to accept- seconded by Ed N8UXN. The motion **Passed.**

Treasurer's Report

Rich Douglas, KC8NKA: make the treasurer's report. We have a corrected Balance of \$5586.02. We have an ending balance forward of \$3480.07. Hank made a motion to accept- seconded by Rick. The motion passed.

W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen: Tom has not updated the Michigan Area Repeater Counsel report for W8DC. He is going to do it.

On Air Director Report: Hank N8XX reported there will be a "Ham in a Day" class, on March 26,2016, in Muskegon. It is being put on by the Emergency Managers group. Cost is \$15.00 for taking the exam. Hank operated in the National Parks on the air. He worked 190 contacts.

Pi Day will be on 3/14/2016. This is to commenerderate Pi: 3.1416. The frequency of operation will be on 3.1416. Hank will be operating from the Northern counties. Also, The Marshall swap, now known as the Cross-Roads swap is this month.

Off Air Director Report: Paul WX8TOW has nothing to report at this stage. Rich D. said he would help with the printing of the flyers for Field Day.

Tech. Director Report: Rich Douglas bought the stripper, crimpers. Steve said they

are cleaning up the radio room. The Kenwood TS-2000 still needs adjusting. There was a problem, and Vertex Standard sent T & W the software which solved the problem.

The Mar's equipment is up and running.

Steve and Tom tested the range on the equipment, and found it was diminished south of 28th street. They are checking with T&W on deploying 3 antennas, to booster the coverage.

Member-At-Large Report: No report.

Red Cross Liaison Report: Jim Leys report: The ARRL and The RED CROSS have signed a 5 year agreement.

Digital Rep. Report: No report

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Web Master Report: Hank wanted to know if we could post the minutes on the web site so we could read them before the meeting. Explained that currently, the minutes are posted on line after they are approved. Will contact the web master about this.

VE Team Report: He had 7 success's!

Additional Club Reports : No report.

Old Business: discussion on rotor cable for the beam.

Also brought up the Dayton Hamvention. There are still openings. The price is \$94.00 for 4 nights.

New Business : Tom K8TB is having a Fox Hunt on 3/12/2016.

Steve : we have a platform on the tower at the 120 level. But the Occupation, Safety requirements state you must have liability insurance. The result is that we will check on the price of different climbers.

Hank N8XX made a motion to end the meeting. Seconded by Dustin. The meeting ended 8:28PM

Attendance:

Name	Call sign	ARRL Member
Stephen Provost	AC8QE	Yes

Jim Leys	K8CAN	Yes
Rich Douglas	KC8NKA	Yes
Hank Greeb	N8XX	Yes
John Brocker	K9ZUT	Yes
Rick Krickwa	K8THF	Yes
Paul Rogers	WX8TOW	Yes
Jack Kunnen	AB8ND	Yes
Tom Hanson	N8DGD	Yes
Rich Ranta	K8JX	No
Dustin Olsen	KD8PUZ	Yes
Frank Thompson	KD8QXC	Yes
John Bradley	AB8WT	Yes
Rich Webb	N8XXM	No
Bob sare	KD8VFC	No
Anthony Kazykwa	KA8RTS	Yes
Ed Novakowski	N8UXN	YES
Tim Triske	K8THF	Yes
Mitch Briggs	KE8BNH	Yes
Duare Birdsley	N8FBI	
Chris Behm	N8CTB	Yes
Philip Nororstand	W8IPN	Yes
Ron Fredricke	K8DMR	Yes
Del Rockwell	W8WDE	
Frank McClelland	KD8OHS	Yes