

# Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

## Meeting Minutes

**October 6, 2017**

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:05pm by. President Tom Hansen N8DGD. Tom waited before calling the meeting to order due to the late arrival of the secretary.

### **President's Report**

Tom had us introduce ourselves.

Tom mentioned we had received donations from Bert B: a 2 meter butterfly antenna. We also received several scopes from TJ.

We also received a Kentwood TS-520 transceiver.

He also mentioned that an interested person would like a ride to GRARA's club meeting: he lives near Woodland Mall.

### **VP Report**

John Streyle W8QZ. Reported on the GRswap and the treasurers' accounting. More will be from the treasurer.

### **Secretary's Report**

Rich K8JX; Read the September club minutes. There was a correction: John said he mentioned that only swap tables by the wall were sold out. Motion to accept: Dustin Seconded by Frank. It passed.

### **Treasurer's Report September – October meeting.**

Phil W8IPN:

#### Current Receipts

Dues / Gen Class tuition	\$150.00
GRAHamfest: tables, Tickets	\$1,873.10
GRAHamfest: Concession	\$371.00
Donations / Sales	\$168.00
	\$2,562.10

#### Current Balance

Beginning Balance	\$4,275.40
Current Receipts	\$2,562.10
Current Disbursements	(\$1,384.74)
Current Balance	\$5,452.76.

The results of the swap financial report is on the back page.

**W8DC Trustee Report:**

Tom Hansen: talked with a Slow Scan TV ham. The Ham shouldn't have been able to get into our repeater: they use a different P.L than we do. Tom suspects the P.L. isn't turned on at the 92th street site. He is going to check on it.

**On Air Director Report:**

Hank N8XX: Hank reported participating in a Peanut Power Sprint: it was either 1 watt or 5 watts. Bob made 3 SSB contacts running 5 watts and Hank made 8 contacts running 900 miliwatts on CW.

Hank also suggested that we should think now about if we want to hold FD at the Cedar Spring site: if we do, we should reserve the site ahead of time.

**Off Air Director Report:**

Dustin didn't have anything at this time. Tom reminded folks that they should think about bringing something, of interest to hams, for Show-N-Tell.

**Tech. Director Report:**

Steve said the tower was climbed and checked out. The short tower by the building has a dual band dipole: and it has an efficiency problem that will be examined.

Steve said he appreciates all the work that was done on the towers.

The static devices are still on the antennas. They may climb again when weather is permitting. In Dave KF8QL opinion, we don't really need them at all.

Also, the Red Cross is using the antenna mounted on the verizon tower.

**Member-At-Large Report:**

No report

**Red Cross Liaison Report:**

Jim: reported that the Red Cross has postponed the smoke detector installation till they're finished with the emergency operations with the Hurricanes.

Hank N8XX, mentioned that a Ham who works at the observatory in PR. fired up a portable generator and made contact with other stations during the Hurricane.

**Digital Rep. Report:**

- Nothing to report

**Web Master Report:**

Tom mentioned that somebody has purchased the W8DC.com internet sign. They've hide the name of the person or company who purchased it. But we're still on to purchase the W8dc.net.

Tom said everything is ok with the web site and he has installed the video of the GRARAhAm swap. Tom asked how long it was: Tom said 3hours!

### **VE Team Report:**

Steve reported on the September 8<sup>th</sup> examination, 1 passed to generals and 2 tech. On September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 redid his general and the rest passed tech, general, extra. He experienced a problem in sending in the VE forms of completion. So he had to mail both sessions by US Mail. He has contacted the software company about the problem he experienced.

He mentioned that 11 people had signed up for K8TB's General class.

He also has had 11 people inquire about the VE program.

### **Additional Reports**

Tom KI8W, said the Radio Room has a little display people should check out.

Dave KF8QL mentioned there is a SSB VHF net on 144.145 MHz, on Sunday night, at 9:30PM.

Hank, N8XX said tomorrow is the HamCon, a two day event. With the wolfhound at midnight. This is a secret society that, nobody could remember what exactly it is.

Tom N8DGD mentioned that MARA is once again putting on their Burrito Fund raiser.

It is on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the 5<sup>th</sup> street hall. It starts at 5:00PM

Hank N8XX reminded people that Polsaki day is tomorrow.

John W8QZ suggested we might move our Christmas party from December, to January. Tom said we could bring that up at the next meeting.

### **Old Business**

Steve has received the new Yaesu repeater: we have 30 days to send the old one back.

Ron AB8DT will be assisting in installing the new repeater.

Dustin said he had heard that somebody had modified their fusion repeater so it would handle D-Star too. He just brought this up for information only.

### **New Business**

Tom N8DGD said we need to come up with a committee for selecting people for the next years GRARA board. One board member has stated he wants to leave. Tom didn't receive any volunteers so he may have to appoint one.

Hank N8XX made a motion to adjourn: seconded by Dustin.

The meeting ended at 8:54Pm

Respectively submitted

Rich K8JX Grara secretary.

## **GRAHamfest**

*Saturday, September 09, 2017*

Home School Building  
5625 Burlingame Av, SW  
Wyoming, MI

### ***Disclaimer:***

Report is dollar summary only.

**N8YD:** Cards/Concessions

**W8QZ:** Tables/Tickets

### **2017 GRAHamfest Receipts**

Tables, Tickets:	1,903.10
Concession:	<u>371.00</u>
	\$2,274.10

### **2017 GRAHamfest Expenses**

Postage:	(374.00)
Card stock:	(85.03)
HSB Facilities / donation:	(580.00)
Concession:	<u>(216.00)</u>
	(\$1,255.03)

### **2017 GRAHamfest "The Math"**

Receipts:	2,274.10
Less Expense:	<u>(1,255.03)</u>
Proceeds:	\$1,019.07