

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2017

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:00pm by President Tom Hansen N8DGD.

President's Report

Tom passed out the latest "GRARA Newsletter, the QRM" to all present. Tom had us introduce ourselves. We're going to be working on the 146.760 rpt.

VP Report

John Streyle W8QZ. Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report

Rich K8JX; Read the July club minutes. There was a correction: Bill Hill wasn't giving the presentation, but Mike Hill was. Motion to accept: Dustin Seconded by Frank. It passed.

Treasurer's Report

Phil W8IPN:

Beginning Balance	\$4,884.05
1. Current Receipts	330.00
2. Current Disbursements	(938.65)
Current Balance	\$4,275.40
3. Current Balance (the math)	\$4,275.40
4. Anticipated Receipts	82.30
5. Outstanding Commitments	(1551.11)
Available Funds	\$2,806.59

W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen: There appears to be clipping occurring on the 146.760 repeater. It will be checked out.

On Air Director Report:

Hank N8XX: Hank reported there is a CW contest going on from now till midnight. Hank also participated on the EON: we're on top. While operating, Hank had to re-

learn an old legacy software. It took time, but it worked. He also reported that the bands seem to be lousy at this time.

Off Air Director Report:

Dustin is looking for people to bring demonstrations or provide ideas for presentations. One member will be presenting next month.

Tech. Director Report:

Steve said May, 2018, the Paris (?) repeater site will be removed. The property has been sold for development. We need to be serious about locating a site. There is also a rotor problem that has to be resolved. Our Radio Room has been redone! We thanked Tom KI8W for all the hard work and time he's given to this project.

Member-At-Large Report:

No report

Red Cross Liaison Report:

Jim: The Red Cross has set the dates to help install Smoke detectors. 9-24-2017 to 9-29-2017. They are very busy with providing assistance to Hurricane Harvey effected communities.

Digital Rep. Report:

- Nothing to report

Web Master Report:

Tom has found out that there are several companies that are interested in purchasing W8DC.Net and W8DC.Com. They may then attempt to resale them for a higher profit. We then had a discussion on if we should purchase the remaining .net and .com for Grara. Hank made a motion to spend the \$75.00 for one year of holding the .net and .com. the motion was seconded by Dustin. It passed with one nay.

We also received a donation of \$30.00 towards this purchase from a member.

VE Team Report:

2 examiners passed and were signed up for GRARA membership.

Additional Reports

Dustin suggested we get coffee coasters for the newly furnished radio room.

John Streyle W8QZ reported all the spaces for the swap were taken and some tables were available.

Tom K8TB reported 9 people for the General class. He was also concerned about the low number of people who showed up for "Spark at the Park".

Steve P. He has some Grara swap tickets available for a reduced amount.

Tom: KI8W " we have a new table, let's keep it clean.

John S. we had a discussion on have a sound partition between Phone operation and

CW.

Steve P. : the Food booth at the Spark in the Park made \$20.00. also 2 took the VE exam.

Tom H. : "remember, the swap is next Weekend.

Old Business

No OB

New Business

Hank N8XX encouraged people to donate to Harvey relieve fund. Hank suggested we have a donation can at the Swap. Ron has hired a tower climber to check out the Verizon tower. Our cost is \$45.00.

Steve P. has received an offer from the repeater company to upgrade (swap) our repeater with an upgraded repeater. This will have a new way to linking the repeater to the internet. The cost with a new card is \$500.00 Phil made a motion to purchase the new repeater and card, seconded by Dutin. The motion passed, with one abstained.

IRA's Tom Werkenma has a new antenna to go up the 92nd street site.

LARC is having their annual club meeting next Saturday.

Tom H reported the 10 to 15 people have checked into the GRARA 2meter net, which is held on Tuesday night at 7PM on the 146.760 repeter.

Tom KI8W read the certificate of ARRL affiliation: dated Oct 7th 1947. He wanted to know if we should have a celebration on this date?

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

The meeting ended at 8:54Pm

Respectively submitted Rich K8JX Grara secretary.