

# Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

## Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2017

The meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:02pm by Vice President, John Streyle W8QZ. President Tom Nansen N8DGD was late..

### President's Report

John had us introduce ourselves.

President Tom Hansen N8DGD then arrived at 7.07PM.

Tom's opening remarks : we have a Tuesday night net on the 146.760Mhz repeater, Tom mentioned that Joe Bell WD8USA and Dave DeVos KF8Q are working on several antennas. Dave mentioned that one should not use Lite PVC in a heated environment.

Tom Wilson KD8DEG, and Dave Smith of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Ham radio are holding a 2<sup>nd</sup> year anniversary of their shop opening. It will ve on August 26,2017 just bring a dish to pass.

The ARRL are holding their UHF 220 – and up contest. All modes accepted. They will use the 6 digit grid number. That is available from QRZ.

### VP Report

John Streyle W8QZ. Nothing to report.

### Secretary's Report

Rich K8JX; Read the July club minutes. There were no corrections.

### Treasurer's Report

Phil W8IPN:

Beginning Balance	\$4,790.34
1. Current Receipts	225.00
2. Current Disbursements	(131.29)
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$4,884.05</b>
3. Current Balance (the math)	\$4,884.05
4. Anticipated Receipts	200.00
5. Outstanding Commitments	(1,575.14)
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$3,508.91</b>

### W8DC Trustee Report:

Tom Hansen: Nothing to report.

**On Air Director Report:**

Hank N8XX: Hank reported on the results of the Field Day 2017 . we had 580 qso's. if all points are allowed: we'll have a total of 5000. Hank also showed us some photographs from FD. They are going to be placed on the web site. Tom Hansen N8DGD thanked all who participated in making FD the success it was.

**Off Air Director Report:**

Dustin 's display wasn't ready, so Bill Hill will be giving a deomostraition later.

**Tech. Director Report:**

Steve is working on the digital links to our 146.760 repeater for the Fusion system we will have a remote connection from 92<sup>nd</sup> street site to our radio room. We also have a new Voice announcer for the 147.260 repeater: she sounds great!

**Member-At-Large Report:**

No report

**Red Cross Liaison Report:**

Jim: The Red Cross is looking for volunteers to help install Smoke detectors.

**Digital Rep. Report:**

- Nothing to report

**Web Master Report:**

Tom has corrected the swap date on the PDF on the web site.

**VE Team Report:**

4 examiners passed and were signed up for GRARA membership.

**Additional Reports**

Spark in the park is stil on. Jack NY8D strongly suggested we have a concession stand. He can't make it, but is willing to give the stuff to anyone willing to operate the stand. Tom KI8W needs help with moving equipment in the radio room. We will right after the meeting.

**Old Business**

No OB

**New Business**

We had a postage stamp session before the meeting started tonight. We then had a discussion on what card stock to get for the tickets for the swap. A motion was made to spend \$100.00 for the cards.

Steve made a motion to replace the dilapidated picnic table that is outside. We had a general discussion on getting the table. Hank made a motion to spend \$250.00 to purchase a new table. Seconded by Tom. The motion passed. Tom reminded people of the FCC's Rule that might affect us.

Hank N8XX made a motion to adjourn: seconded by Dustin

Bill Hill then gave us a presentation on his hobby of using Microprocessors to