

Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
Minutes for September 22nd , 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Hugh Jack followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of the Officers:

- President: Hugh WQ8TV - present
- Vice President: Jim KD8ZCO - present
- Secretary/ Treasurer: Dick W1UP – present

There were 11 and 2 guests members present.

The meeting was preceded with a slide show of pictures from the August Picnic.

The minutes from June were approved on a motion by Jim KD8ZCO, seconded by Joe KD8VLY. Passed all in favor.

Financial Report : Dick, W1UP, gave the financial report as follows:

- Activity since last meeting:
 - dues 2015-16..... \$110.00 deposited
 - Check to W1UP for Picnic, Website & Stamps . \$146.76 pending
- Account balances
 - checking\$181.34
 - shares\$1107.20
 - VE testing\$22.12
 - Regular shares.....\$214.76

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Joe KD8VIY, seconded by Doug, WD8Z. Passed all in favor.

A motion to write a check for the amount of \$146.76 to Dick W1UP, was made by Joe KD8VLY, seconded by Doug, WD8Z. Passed all in favor.

Net Reports - 2 meter net - 3973 HF net

Denny, KC8UWC, reported that the last nets had 7 check-ins 18 minutes.

Jerry, W8KQ, reported the 3973 net has averaged 2-7 check-ins

The main discussion of the meeting was planning for the October 10th SWAP. The following topics were brought up:

- Area setup – **Friday afternoon – will need to check with Mall staff**
- Signs – **K8MVT will bring our SWAP sign to put out in front of the Mall. Our Club Banner will be at the registration table. Smaller sign will be put up directing people the swap and parking lot SWAP area.**
- Help for out of town visitors - **Jim KD8ZCO volunteered the CERT team to help with this.**
- Registration Table - **Jim KD8ZCO volunteered with assistance from the CERT team.**
- Door Prize – drawings – **Dick will handle this**
- PA system – **Norm, N8UHL will bring a Karaoke machine to use as a PA**
- Table assignment & fee collection – **Hugh, WQ8TV**
- Carts – **Mall has carts that we can borrow**
- Parking lot sales – **Jerry, W8KQ, will be in this area**
- Clean up – **Hugh will be in charge – everyone needs to help**
- Anything else ?
 - **The Sherriff will have a table for Search and Rescue and how hams can help.**
 - **John, W8CX, will have an ARES/RACES information table, Wayne, K8QBZ,, will be out of town.**
 - **The club will have an Ham Radio information table – ARRL material.**

- **The club will provide a table that the club will sell items for those who may want to sell just one or two items for a percentage of the sale.**
- **We will allow any Ham Radio items to be sold. It was decided that craft type of items made be sold as long as they are with Ham Radio items. This is common at most swaps.**

Member "Round Table":

- Jerry, W8KQ, discussed the Ham radio volunteers at the Fair and helping with the Spud run.
- Peter, KM4CTD, said that he has a General license with most "book experience" and is anxious to get some hands on experience and getting to know the Hams in Alpena.
- John, W8CX, queried the group if anyone is running packet. It was discussed that maybe packet and related technologies would be a presentation topic at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM on a motion by Earl, KC8TC, seconded by Wayne, K8QBZ.