

T.B.A.R.C.  
The minutes for September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Club President, Hugh Jack, KD8OVZ by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of the Officers:   President: Hugh, KD8OVZ - present  
                                  Vice President: Denny KC8UWC - present  
                                  Treasurer: Glenn WK8P - absent  
                                  Secretary: Dick W1UP - present

There were twelve members and three guests present.

- The minutes from the June meeting were review and approved as printed on a motion by Wayne, K8QBZ, seconded by Jerry, W8KQ, the motion passed, all in favor.
- Due to the treasurer's absence, there was no treasurer's report.
- Jerry, W8KQ, and Hugh, KD8OVZ gave a brief report on the 3973 HF net that meets on Wednesdays at 8PM local time. There have been anywhere from 3 to 6 check-ins.
- A brief report on the August picnic was given by Dick, W1UP. There were 26 who attended. Mike WB8TQZ explained the communication needs for the Posen Spud Run on September 6<sup>th</sup> and asked for volunteers to help. A slide show of pictures from the picnic were shown as a prelude to the start of the meeting.
- Wayne, K8QBZ, gave an update of the communications at the Spud Run. There were no incidents that needed communications this year. There were 6 hams from Alpena and 4 from the Rogers City area.
- Guest, John Walters, W8CX, did a short presentation on ARES and offered to teach a class. A list was passed around for people to put their contact information if they were interested in taking the class which would take 12 weekly sessions.
- Reviving the 2 meter net was discussed. Denny, KC8UWC, volunteered to get it going again. An email will be sent out from the club with the time and date that the net will start.
- Wayne, K8QBZ, talked about the upcoming SET on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, An email will be sent to club members with the details. Hams can participate from their home station.
- A Fox Hunt was brought up. Hugh, KD8OVZ, and Dick, W1UP, will set it up for a Saturday morning sometime in October and notify the area Amateur community of the details.
- A Swap was discussed and will be held on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Dick, W1UP, will check on the availability of using the parking lot of the Free Methodist Church and coordinate with Jerry, W8KQ, on publicity.
- Members were encouraged to attend the upcoming Winter Spotter training on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at the NOAA building on Fletcher Street.
- Dick, W1UP, reported our domain name, ThunderBayARC.org, has been renewed for another year through our hosting company QTH.com.
- A new site for the Christmas party was discussed. Dick, W1UP, was going to see if we could hold it at the free Methodist Church.
- Leroy, W8JMP, gave an interesting presentation on a multi-band dipole that he had made. He pointed out some of the caveats he uses with any antenna, such as a choke balun and keeping the feed line multiple of half wavelengths. His brother used the antenna to make world-wide contacts with only 100 watts.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM on a motion by Jerry, W8KQ, seconded by Earl, KC8TC