

Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
Minutes for May 23rd, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Hugh Jack followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of the Officers:

President: Hugh WQ8TV - present
Vice President: Jim N8JIM (new call for Jim) - present
Secretary/Treasurer: Dick W1UP – present

There were 9 members and 2 guests present.

The following announcements were made:

Two persons recently passed the Technician Exam:

- Shellee Grochowski, KE8GYX
- Audette Miller, KE8GYY
- The Dues for 2017-18 can be paid now, they are due by July 1st of each year. Get the form from W1UP

Dick, W1UP gave the Financial Report & and reviewed the April meeting minutes

Financial Activity since the April meeting

- Deposit dues\$60.00
- Deposit VE testing account\$28.00
- Check # 566 – K8AMI\$50.00
- Check # 567 Doug Dietz -Satellite antenna.....\$113.00
- Check # 568 void0
- Check # 569 Richard Wiitala – VE expenses\$25.4

Account balances

- checking\$18.70
- Preferred shares\$516.19
- VE testing\$24.66
- Regular shares\$215.39

The Minutes and Financial Report were approved on a motion by Wayne, K8QBZ seconded by Denny, KC8UWC.

As May is our “Annual Meeting” a verbal review of the past year was given by the officers. The financial records were made available for any member to examine. No member took advantage of this option.

The 2017 Field Day plans were reviewed. The family picnic has been a “highlight” of our past Field Day events and we will continue with the picnic. A discussion of obtaining inverter generators for the club for their low noise level and efficiency. It was suggested to look up a previous QST review of various generators especially with the possibility of RFI being emitted from them. Our Satellite station will be set up to attempt to make a Satellite contact. We will set up a GOTA station, in the past we have not had anyone who wanted to work the GOTA station.

The presentation on using the Antenna Analyzer to check coax. W1UP gave a introduction to this and we watched a You Tube video on the topic (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnRYYfgVToE>). We did a hands on session using the club’s new MFJ 969c analyzer with various pieces of coax. Another You Tube video link was given for members to watch on their own (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dF1TzhLJuMI>)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM on a motion by Wayne, K8QBZ, seconded by Denny, KC8UWC.