

Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
Minutes for June 28th, 2016

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 9 members and no guests present.

Dick, W1UP, reviewed the minutes and gave the following Financial Report:

Financial Report

- Activity since the May meeting:
 - Deposit dues and donations..... \$110.00
- Account balances
 - checking \$16.58
 - shares \$1126.63
 - VE testing..... \$22.12
 - Regular shares \$215.10

The Minutes and Financial report for May were approved motion by Wayne, K8QBZ, seconded by Denny, KC8UWC. .

Membership cards have been printed and distributed to paid members for the 2016-17 membership year. The Bylaws and Constitution committee reported that the option that the term for the officers was to be changed to years and the proposed Constitution and Bylaws will be available at the July meeting for consideration and discussion.

Wayne, K8QBZ, reported that the Alcona club parks cars at the Alcona Fair and the Fair Board provides them food in lieu of any payment. Wayne was going to look into parking cars at the Alpena Fair as an ARES function. Anyone who would like to help should contact Bob, WB8ZIR.

Hugh, WQ8TV, reported that the display window in the Mall is still available and he will keep it going as long as the Mall has it available.

A discussion was held on making the terms of the officer more than 1 year and it was agreed that the Constitution and By-Laws would need to be amended for that to happen. The committee that was formed last year to look into this was asked to have proposed changes ready for review at the July meeting.

A letter and membership forms was mailed to members who hadn't paid their 2016-17 dues as of the middle of June. Dick, W1UP, reported that we had a good response from the letters and as of morning of June 28th we had 18 paid-up members of which 14 were ARRL members. The same letter and membership form will be sent to all Hams in the area also.

Hugh, is going to get membership cards printed to use in time for the 2016 – 2017 year.

Field Day 2016 was reviewed. Dick, W1UP, reported that we had . We had 214 phone contacts and 32 cw contacts for 278 QSO points with 65% on 40 meters, 20% on 80 meters and 15% on 20 meters. A discussion of antennas that were used with all agreeing that the 40 meter wire beam performed great. The 80 meter dipole may have orientated in the wrong direction. A comparison to last year was discussed. We had fewer contacts this year mainly because of the QRN on 80 meters. Again this the picnic was a highlight and a good time was had by all. The threat of inclement weather caused us to fold up early and we had things cleaned up by 9:30 AM on Sunday.

Hugh, WQ8TV, will get a thank you letter to the Alpena County for the use of the Fair Grounds and Alpena CERT for their support of staff and equipment. He was going to apply to use the Alpena County Fair Grounds for Field Day 2017.

Bob, WB8ZIR, queried to group about helping with the 4th of July parade and Fireworks. It was discussed and the consciences was that we don't have enough members and time to plan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53PM on a motion by Jerry, W8KQ, seconded by Wayne, K8QBZ.