

Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
Minutes for July 28th, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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
- Treasurer: Glenn WK8P - absent
- Secretary: Dick W1UP – present

There were 12 members present.

The meeting was preceded with a slide show of pictures from Field Day

The minutes from June were approved on a motion by Jim, K8MVT, seconded Jim KD8ZCO. Passed all in favor.

Financial Report : Dick, W1UP, gave the financial report on behalf of Glenn.

- Activity since last meeting:
 - dues 2015-16..... \$110.00 deposited
 - F.D. cash donation..... \$23.17 deposited
 - Check to W1UP for F.D. food \$37.27 pending
- Account balances
 - checking \$48.61
 - shares \$1,167.20
 - VE testing \$22.12
 - Regular shares..... \$214.76

The financial report was passed on a motion by Denny, KC8UWC, seconded by Bob, WB8ZIR.

Net Reports - 2 meter net - 3973 HF net

Denny, KC8UWC, reported that the last 2 nets had 7 check-ins 18 minutes and 4 check-ins and lasted 13 minutes.
Jerry, W8KQ, reported the 3973 net has averaged 3-7 check-ins
Both Denny and Jerry attributed the low check-ins to the nice summer weather.

Jerry, W8KQ, thanked everyone who helped with liquidation of K8JMM's equipment. There is one beam left, a **Hygain TH-3JRS**. Anyone interested should contact Jerry.

Dick reported that our Field Day score of 1362 was about 200 points more than last year. There were 40 CW, 14 digital and 248 phone contacts for a QSO score of 712. Bonus points of 650 were earned from 100% emergency power, Media Publicity, Setting up in a public place, information booth and submitting the score via the internet. Thank-you letters were sent to the County for the use of the Fair Grounds and to Alpena CERT for the use of their tent. The family picnic was well attended. We will try to reserve the Fair Grounds for Field Day 2016.

Updated membership rosters were handed out and corrections were noted. Members were encouraged to contact un-paid members that they know and encourage them to update their membership. Resources that the club has available to members, i.e. Antenna analyzer, books and maybe a future supply of coax. Members were encouraged to join ARRL as we need more than 50% of our club to be ARRL members to be an affiliated club which has advantages.

Location for the August Picnic was discussed with a decision to not rent the Pavilion but just take our chances and use it if no one has it reserved. If it is reserved we would just get some picnic tables together at another part of the park. An email will be sent and announce on the nets.

On a motion by Joe, KD8VIY, seconded by Jim KD8ZCO, the secretary will also fill the Treasurer's position. The motion passed all in favor. Glen, WK8P, resigned because of out of town job responsibilities. Dick, W1UP, accepted the responsibility as he has been assisting the Treasurer since March.

On a motion by Joe, KD8VIY, seconded by Earl, KC8TC, each of the officers, President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer are authorized to sign checks for the purpose of TBARC business. No one shall sign a check that is written to himself. The motion passed all in favor.

Dick, W1UP, showed a slide show by VE2AZX on Baluns and Ferrites which covered the need and use of voltage and current baluns in antenna systems. Members were reminded that the Club has an antenna analyzer that members may use to check their antennas, ferrites and baluns as presented in the slide show.

Member "Round Table":

- Bob, WB8ZIR, suggested that the club should do more activities that the public will be more aware of the Ham radio community in Alpena.
- Joe KD8VIY, commented that he has a hard time of making the meetings that start at 7:00 PM. Because of his work schedule it would be better to start earlier or later.
- Jerry, w8kq gave a summary of Hams helping at different events in Alpena.
- Hugh, WQ8TV, commented that we need to make the public more aware of what we do.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM on a motion by Earl, KC8TC, seconded by Jim, KD8ZCO.