

Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
Minutes for September 26th, 2017

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 WB8OR (new call for Jim) - present
- Treasurer: Glenn WK8P - present
- Secretary: Dick W1UP - present

There were 12 members and 1 guest present.

The following announcements were made:

- A Thank you card was received from the Ohlrich family
- A place will be needed for the Christmas party
- Hugh stated the we have the Fair Grounds reserved for the 2018 Field Day.

Glenn, WK8P, gave a verbal Financial Report & and Dick, W1UP, reviewed the July meeting minutes.

Financial Activity for August

- Deposit dues\$90.00
- Swap Accounting
 - Donations at swap\$38.00
 - 50-50 drawing39.00
 - Club sales\$310.00
 - Table fees\$80.00
- Deposit Swap.....\$467.00
- Check # 571 - Field Day expenses to w1up.....\$25.00
- Check #572 Memorial -K8MVT's father.....\$50.00
- Check #573 Alpena Mall for Swap\$50.00
- Withdrawal for Visa Gift Card\$40.00

September activity

- Deposit dues\$40.00
- Picnic donations deposit\$26.50
- Check #574 State of Michigan non profit filing\$20.00
- Check #575 picnic supplies to W1UP.....\$30.00
- Check #576 Domain Registration to W1UP.....\$13.50

Account balances

- checking (040)\$55.75
- Preferred shares (020).....\$1,366.71
- VE testing (021)\$24.66
- Regular shares (000).....\$210.48

The Financial Report were approved on a motion by Doug, WD8Z, seconded by Denny, KC8UWC.
July's Minutes were approved on a motion by Jim, WB8OR, seconded by, Doug, WD8Z

An updated membership roster was handed out and corrections were noted. There are 25 paid up members on the 2017-18 roster.

Doug, WD8Z, brought up the idea of have some Saturday outings that hams could have hands on activities that would generate more interest in the club. He will plan one for some time in October. An email will be sent out with activity's time and place.

The Swap was discussed with members giving their impressions of the swap. This year the attendance wasn't as good as expected. No decision was made on whether or not to continue. Possibilities of combining with other clubs was discussed and will be explored.

The annual picnic was a success with an abundance of food with brats and hotdogs grilled to perfection by Denny, KC8UWC. There were 19 in attendance. It was mention that the picnic in August and the one at Field day have been well received by making it a family affair.

The liability insurance policy was discussed and it was pointed out that \$111.00 of the premium was just a minimum premium adjustment. We will contact Alpena Agency to see if we can purchase some more coverage with that amount. Last year we increased the coverage from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 to try to get better coverage.

The establishing of a Memorial Fund was discussed and approved on a motion by Joe, KD8VLY, seconded by Jim, WB8OR.

The funding of Memorial Fund was approved by donations collected by Jerry, W8KQ, on a motion by Joe, KD8VLY.

A presentation on 2 meter simplex operation was made. The 2 meter band plan was reviewed and the simplex channels pointed out. FM signal reporting was review. We will have a 2 meter simplex net on Mondays after the regular net on the repeater. The simplex net will be on 146.52 MHz and the purpose is to map out the 2 meter simplex coverage in the Alpena area. Information that was handed out is posted on ThunderBayARC.org under Meeting Links.

The meeting concluded with the viewing of a web site showing different antennas designed by KQ6XA. You can start by looking up the call on <http://www.qrz.com/> or go to <http://www.hflink.com> for details

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM on a motion by Joe, KD8VLY, seconded by Jim, WB8OR.