

Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
Minutes for October 27th, 2015

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 1 guest present.

The meeting was preceded with a slide show of pictures from the 2015 Swap.

The minutes from September were approved on a motion by Jim KD8ZCO, seconded by Denny, KC8UWC. Passed all in favor.

Financial Report : Dick, W1UP, gave the financial report as follows:

- Activity since last meeting:
 - Check – Auto Owners \$282.00
 - Check - Alpena Mall\$50.00
 - Deposit – Swap Proceeds\$137.00
- Account balances
 - checking\$12.58
 - shares\$934.80
 - VE testing\$22.12
 - Regular shares.....\$214.85

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Jim, K8MVT, seconded by Jerry, W8KQ. Passed all in favor.

The following events may be of interest to members were discussed. The two website references were visited for more detail. Jerry W8KQ, gave some details on the Edmund Fitzgerald and it's sister ships.

- Oct. 30th thru Nov. 1, 2015 EDMUND FITZGERALD SPECIAL EVENT see <http://www.radioham.org> for more details
- Nov. 5, 6:30pm – 8:00pm Alpena Winter Talk - Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary
- Nov. 11th 2015 Frequency Measuring Test – 10:00 PM– see <http://www.arrrl.org/frequency-measuring-test>

Net Reports - 2 meter net - 3973 HF net

- Denny, KC8UWC, reported that over the last 18 weeks there have been 115 check-ins with an range of 4 -12 each week
- Jerry, W8KQ, reported the 3973 net has averaged 2-8 check-ins and lasted up to 30 minutes. Noisy band conditions were discussed and with other groups starting a half kHz down that were causing interference.

October 10th SWAP. W1UP reported the following figures for the Swap:

- Tables \$75.00
- Donations\$62.00
- Paid to Alpena Mall\$50.00
- Registration slips53
- Door prize tickets54

Having the swap again next year was discussed and it was agreed on to schedule it at the Mall for October 8th, 2016, the second weekend in October. Dick was going to see if we can get the Mall reserved. It was discussed the letters to vendors should be sent out as soon as possible to give them time to plan to attend the Alpena Swap.

A Fox Hunt was set up for Saturday November 7th. Details will be emailed to the TBARC email list.

A presentation on the Hermes Lite SDR was given. The remote access via the internet didn't work though ACC's public access. In addition, the QST article, "ARRL Laboratory Handheld Testing", from the November 2015 issue, which the ARRL tested handhelds the Hams brought with them. The results should show that the inexpensive handhelds were the ones that were not compliant with FCC's emission rules.

The member round table discussion. K8MVT asked if anyone heard the International Space Station on the 27th at noon. W1UP said he heard the ISS for about 3 minutes at 12:09 PM.

Jim, KD8ZCO, passed a Thank you from CERT for letting them help with the Swap.

W1UP reminded members to take a list of vendors who donated Door Prizes and encouraged members to make a point to thank them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM on a motion by Jerry, W8KQ seconded by Jim, K8MVT.