

Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
Minutes for November 24th, 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 8 members and 2 guests present.

The minutes from October 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 – State of Michigan–non-profit registration ... \$20.00
 - Check - Post Office box yearly rental\$56.00
 - Deposit – dues\$30.00
- Account balances
 - checking\$16.58
 - shares\$884.80
 - VE testing\$22.12
 - Regular shares.....\$214.85

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Jim, KD8ZCO, seconded by Denny, KC8UWC. Passed all in favor.

The following events were recapped

- Oct. 30th thru Nov. 1, 2015 EDMUND FITZGERALD SPECIAL EVENT see <http://www.radioham.org> for more details
 - W1UP displayed his certificate from his contact on 40 meters
- Nov. 5, 6:30pm – 8:00pm Alpena Winter Talk - Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary
 - KD8ZCO gave a summary of the Winter Weather Talk
- Nov. 11th 2015 Frequency Measuring Test – 10:00 PM– see <http://www.arrrl.org/frequency-measuring-test>
 - W1UP showed the FMT results at <http://www.b4h.net/fmt/fmtresults201511.php>

Net Reports - 2 meter net - 3973 HF net

- Denny, KC8UWC, reported that over the last month he has had 31 check ins and a total of 42 minutes of net time.
- Jerry, W8KQ, reported the 3973 net has averaged 2-8 check-ins and lasted up to 30 minutes. QRM has moved the net down to 3970. Participants were asked to listen for the net +/- of 3673.

Field Day results were shown from the ARRL website, <http://www.arrrl.org/results-database> . This year we ranked 43 out of 88 Michigan entries with a score of 1362 and 302 contacts compared to a score of 1150, 202 contacts ranking 43 out of 83 Michigan entries for FD2014. We have the Fair Grounds reserved for FD2016 and everyone is excited about the upcoming event and improving our performance.

Christmas Party – Tuesday, December 15th

- at the Free Methodist Church (same as last year)
- Bring a dish to pass (an email will be sent as to what people should bring)
- Fellowship at 5:00 PM with eating at 6:00 PM.
- The officers will come up with an activity for the evening and are willing to take suggestions.

The Fox Hunt held on November 7th was success with all participants converging on the Fox at the 45 minute mark from different directions.

Fox Hunt extended – club project “Foxhunt Offset Attenuator” kit is only \$8.00 from KC9ON – a ham from Gaylord - a good site from W8KQ which talks about the offset attenuator <http://www.homingin.com/equipment.html> we will build these at our January meeting or at a special build session. KD8ZCO, is going to contact KC9ON, to see what kind of discount we can get on buying 5 to 10 of these kits. W1UP passed around an un-built kit for the members to look at.

The working Hermes Lite SDR was demonstrated and some QSO’s were listened to on various bands. The remote access via the internet didn’t work though ACC’s public access. The Hermes Lite SDR was shown via the web again this month.

The member round table discussion. Guest, W8CX, gave a report on ARES/RACES and the VHF packet set up in Alpena County.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM on a motion by Denny, KC8UWC , seconded by Jim, KD8ZCO.