Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club October 27th, 2020

Minutes - Meeting conducted on two-meters (146.76 repeater)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Doug, WD8Z with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Doug, WD8Z – present Vice President Jerry W8KQ absent Treasurer Glenn WK8P – present Secretary Dick W1UP - present

There were 8 members and 3 guests checked to the meeting.

This meeting was more of a discussion session that included the following topics:

- 1. Resuming the 3:00 PM "coffee net". W8LI will start these 10/28/20 on a Monday Friday basis until there is a restaurant that we can meet at.
- 2. The proposed \$50.00 FCC license fee and what you can do about it. An ARRL email that just had been sent out will be forwarded to members along with W1UP's submission to perhaps to be used as a guideline. The import thing is to have as many Ham's file a comment even if it is just a simple statement that you are not in favor of the fee increase.
- 3. Club's financial report A abbreviated report was given. All the bills are paid with just two more that will come due between now and July 1st of next year. They are PO box rental, ~\$45 and equipment insurance, ~ \$90. Total deposits as of now are about \$1,000. It was accepted on a motion by W8LI seconded by K8QBZ.
- 4. We are planning another testing session in November date, time and place TBD.
- 5. On-line General class 9 sessions starts November 5th using zoom
- 6. Using zoom for future meetings members wanted to try Zoom for our next meeting with a practice session during a "coffee net"
- 7. The November Frequency Measuring test was mentioned. See page 75 of November's QST or contact W1UP.
- 8. Phone numbers will be added to the roster in the members only part of the web site.
- 9. There was a round of the people checked in to make comments on the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM on a motion by W8LI seconded by N8YKG