

Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club

March 28, 2023

Agenda

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance by Pres. Dick Wiitala , W1UP at 7:05 PM

1. Roll Call of the Officers:
 1. President – Dick Wiitala, W1UP
 2. Vice President – Doug Dietz, WD8Z-(Excused)
 3. Treasurer – Glenn Helwig, WK8P
 4. Secretary – Don Spaeth, W8DGS

13 members were present and 1 member attended via zoom.
2. Announcements
 1. Top of Michigan Radio Club invites TBARC to a meeting with Tim Duffy, CEO of DX engineering, on April 11th @ 7:00pm in Room 103 at Kirkland University Center, 80 Livingston Blvd. Gaylord.
 2. April 15th Michigan QSO Party
Noon – midnight local time
<https://miqp.org/>
Sponsored by MRRC (Mad River Radio Club)
Also, N3JFP has a logging program for the MIQP
 3. April 20th - Weather Spotter Training – Alpena
Thursday, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
719 W Chisholm St, Alpena, MI 49707
Howard Male Conference Room, located in the County Annex Building (across the street from the Courthouse – there will be signs out because there are two entrances on the street-facing side of the building).
 4. April 25th, ARRL Frequency Measurement Test
0300Z-0349Z Apr 21 (local time is 11:00 PM on Thursday, 3/20/23
<https://fmt.arrl.org/>
 5. Handouts for a 10 – meter Half-Square Antenna are available. Taken from ARRL ON The Air mag.
 6. Ron Shumaker, N8XKX, has a list of equipment that is for sale
 7. Jerry Nowicki, KG8N, is in the hospital with a blockage in his esophagus.
3. Minutes of February’s meeting(held on 3-7-2023 were approved as published upon motion by Wayne, K8QBZ, seconded by Ron, KG8IR and passed with no objections.
4. Financial report presented by Glenn WK8P as follows:
 - A. Financial Activity
 1. Dues..... \$ 40.00
 - B. Account balances as of 3/21//2023

000 SPECIAL	\$ 145.51
020 SAVINGS	\$3,044.66
021 V.E.	\$ 74.60
022 MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 219.83
040 CHECKING	\$ 134.30
Total	\$3,618.90 (Less V.E. Account =3,544.30)
5. The Financial report was approved as published without objections upon a motion by Harold,N3UY and seconded by Davin, KE8RDV.
6. Education – Harold Levy, N3UY, continued the presentation on the Nano VNA (vector network analyzer). This device is very inexpensive and it can be a help with antennas, feed lines and filters. The device was demonstrated on the room’s screen. It is capable of telling if and where a short or an open site occurs. Battery lasts up to 3 Hours and recharges in 45 minutes.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM upon motion by Wayne, K8QBZ, and seconded by Harold, N3UY. With no objections.