

**Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club**  
**November 28, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM**

**Roll Call of the Officers:**

President – Dick Wiitala, W1UP – present

Treasurer – Glenn Helwig, WK8P - absent

Vice President – Doug Dietz, WD8Z – present

Secretary – Don Spaeth, W8DGS - absent

There were 13 members and 3 guests in attendance (3 of those on Zoom)

**Announcements**

Christmas Party – **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** , We will gather for fellowship starting at 4:00 PM and eat at 5:00 PM. Bring a dish to pass and the club will provide ham, coffee, water and plates and utensils. We will be at the First Baptist Church on Old Washington which the same place as last year.

**Minutes** -The October minutes were approved on a motion by Wayne, K8QBZ seconded by Ron, K8XKX

**Financial report** – the report was approved on a motion by Davin, KE8RDV seconded by Wayne, K8QBZ

Financial Activity

**Deposits**

Dues..... \$20.00

Swap proceeds..... \$414.95

**Expenses**

Tower Climb (Chris Stevens ck#433)..... \$100.00

PO Box yearly rental (debit card)..... \$166.00

**Account balances as of 11-28-2023**

000 SPECIAL ..... \$150.78

020 SAVINGS..... \$4135.72

021 V.E..... \$74.60

022 MEMORIAL FUND..... \$120.10

040 CHECKING..... \$73.01

**Accounts Total..... \$4554.21**

**Update on Repeater recommendation** – WD8Z, led a discussion of the rationale to purchase a Yeasu DR-2X 144/430 Dual Band, Dual Mode repeater to replace the existing .76 repeater. This give us a VHF and a UHF with the ability of analog and digital mode. There was a lot of discussion on the different digital protocols with there advantages. It was a good dialog with the final approval to purchase the Yeasu Fusion system and needed accessories for a total up to \$2200.00. The vote was unanimous on a motion by Wayne, K8QBZ, seconded by Davin, KE8RDV.

**Other** – K8QBZ said the new ARES cards are needed. Send Wayne an email [K8QBZ@arri.net](mailto:K8QBZ@arri.net) for more information. A picture and completion of ICS 100 & ICS 200 will be required.

**Christmas Party** – W1UP will send more information with a link to sign up for the Christmas Party.

**Education:** There was a problem with the video, WD8Z and W1UP gave some information on the video and members were encouraged to watch it on there own, AWA - [High Power Shortwave - High in the Andes – HCJB](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZpFHADp27g&t=67s>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM on a motion Jerry, KG8N seconded by Ron, N8XKX.