

Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club  
March 26, 2024  
Minutes

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** At 7:10 PM by Dick W1UP

**Roll Call of the Officers:**

President – Dick Wiitala, W1UP - present

Treasurer – Glenn Helwig, WK8P - Excused

Vice President – Doug Dietz, WD8Z - present

Secretary – Don Spaeth, W8DGS - present

**Announcements**

- 1) The April, May, June, and July meetings will be back in room 106.
- 2) As of March 29, 2024 the FCC will require 2 factor ID to log in to there site. A 6 digit code will be emailed that you will need to enter. Make certain that you have a valid email address on file with the FCC.
- 3) On April 8<sup>th</sup> from 1400-2400 UTC there will be a Solar Eclipse QSO party. See <https://hamsci.org/eclipse> or the ARRL for details
- 4) On Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Skywarn Training 6:30pm County Annex building
- 5) DR2X and ARCOM controller should be up and running sometime in April
- 6) **Ham radio for children will be held tomorrow at 11:30am via the repeater. It will be aimed at 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. One was held today for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.**
- 7) Ron N8XKX announced that he had a 3000 Watt Honda generator for sale. If interested contact him.

**Approval of minutes of February’s meeting** - The minutes were approved unanimously, as emailed and published upon motion by Wayne K8QBZ and seconded by Ron N8XKX

**Financial report ( details are on page 2 )**

A motion was made by Wayne K8QBZ and seconded by Ron N8XKX to approve the treasurer’s report as presented by Dick W1UP (See attached report.) Motion was approved unanimously.

**Repeater update** - Doug WD8Z and Dick W1UP See announcement #5 above. It was discussed that the old repeated should be sold and proceeds donated to the TBARC. No objections were noted.

**Old Business**

Field Day will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024

Field Day Planning – Mike KE8FSR presented an update of the plans. Sign-up sheets will be available for time slots to man the various transmitters; for attending the pot-luck dinner; for bringing a dish; for setting up on Friday; and for taking down on Sunday. These will be available electronically from Davin KE8RDV and/or the TBARC website.

Also it was suggested that all members bring their handheld radios to the field day to facilitate communications.

Another suggestion was to met at the fairgrounds to evaluate where we will set up for field day.

Mike passed out a preliminary report for field day.

**Nets** – The 440 net has met for 2 Tuesdays at 7:00PM. It will continue to meet at this time slot.

The CW net will b tabled.

Members were encouraged to step-up and function as net controllers – especially for the 2 m net in the afternoons, and on Monday Night. Those that are taking the role should sign on with their Call sign one or two minutes before the start of the net.

**New business:**

Doug WD8Z reported that Band Pass Filters for the various bands would improve the field day experience by decreasing the noise

**Education** – Dick W1PM supplied a handout of The Smith Chart.. A Youtube video explaining its use was shown. The Youtube address is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXWbdxOAUds>

Prior to the meeting, Wayne K8QBZ presented a video on how to configure FLDIGI. See [2-"Fldigi Set Up & Configuration for New Users" \(youtube.com\)](#)

**Adjournment** Motion to adjourn was made by Wayne K8QBZ, seconded by Davin KE8RDV, and passed Unanimously.. Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM

Respectfully submitted  
Don Spaeth W8DGS, Secretary

**Treasurer’s Report March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Share Accounts**

Type	Account	Actual Balance
000	SPECIAL	\$150.87
020	SAVINGS	\$2,193.51
021	V.E.	\$74.60
022	MEMORIAL FUND	\$120.19
040	CHECKING	\$14.19
	Account Totals:	\$2,553.36

**Deposits**

Dues (back & current).....\$60.00

**Expenses**

Yaesu debit card - 2<sup>nd</sup> DR-2X.....\$700.00

CK# 435 ARCOM micro controller.....\$65.00

Shipping debit card.....\$22.45

New Repeater Project – see below

New Repeater	<i>* = authorized at Feb. meeting</i>		
<b>Budgeted amount</b>	\$2,200.00	<b>Balance</b>	<b>*-\$41.27</b>
<b>Total spent</b>	\$2,241.27		
<b>Expenditures</b>			
DR-2X	\$900.00		
Sealed AGM 35 amp-hour battery	\$76.99		
DX-Engineering – connectors etc	\$237.84		
DR-2X (to replace DR-1X) no lan card	\$700.00		
AGM battery charger/maintainer	\$54.99		
ARCOM interface for DX-2X	\$184.00		
*Replace CPU in ARCOM + shipping	\$87.45		