

Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
February 27, 2024
Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance At 7:02 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

3 Officers and 6 other members present out of 33 eligible registered members.*

Announcements

Our March meeting will be in room 116. Our April, May, June, and July meetings will be in room 106.

On Tuesday, April 30th – Skywarn Training 6:30pm County Annex building

Approval of minutes of January’s meeting - minutes were approved unanimously, as published upon motion by Wayne K8QBZ, seconded by Jim K8MVT

Financial report (details are on page 2)

A motion was made by Wayne K8QBZ and seconded by DavinKE8RDV to authorize the cost of replacing the CPU in ARCOM. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s report presented by Dick W1UP, and approved unanimously upon motion by Davin KE8RDV and seconded by Art K8DGW.

Repeater update - Doug WD8Z and Dick W1UP reported that the new DR-2X is installed and operating. The second DR-2x has been applied for.

Old Business

none

Nets – As there has been minimal interest in the CW net, it was decided to try a 440 net in its place – at 7:00pm on Tuesdays. Wayne K8QBZ will be net-control

New business:

Field Day – place TBD

Field Day will be June 22nd & 23rd 2024

Field Day Planning – Mike KE8FSR will chair the committee to organize and plan the event. Suggested areas to use included: 1) Fair grounds; 2) Mich-i-ke-wis park; 3) Starlite beach. It was also suggested that a family picnic be included.

Education: A video on the organization of one club’s field day was shown. Points of interest included: 1) a peg/token system to indicate which bands were in use and which were available; 2) use of Buddy Hex antennae on tripods and masts; 3) end-fed long wire antenna; and 4) a spreadsheet showing the operators in 2-hour blocks

The Link to Field Day video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BM37M3MIT4>

Other Training session for use of FLDIGI and Win-link in emergencies was scheduled on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00PM at ACC,(the room will be obtained and all notified) Those interested should bring a laptop or other computer.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn was made by Wayne K8QBZ, seconded by Hugh WQ8TV, and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM

Respectfully submitted

Don Spaeth W8DGS, Secretary

Treasurer’s Report February 27th, 2024

Share Accounts

Type	Account	Actual Balance
000	SPECIAL	\$150.87
020	SAVINGS	\$2,213.51
021	V.E.	\$74.60
022	MEMORIAL FUND	\$120.19
040	CHECKING	\$721.64
Account Totals:		\$3,280.81

Deposits

Dues.....\$20.00
 Club equipment sale.....\$50.00

Expenses

DX Engineering – misc connectors etc.....\$237.84
 ARCOM DR-2X interface.....\$184.00

New Repeater Project – see below

New Repeater	<i>* = not yet ordered</i>		
Budgeted amount	\$2,200.00	Balance	-\$33.82
Total spent	\$2,233.82		
Expenditures			
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		
<i>*Replace CPU in ARCOM + shipping</i>	\$80.00		

*Added per minutes of 6/25/2024