

Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club

June 25, 2024

Minutes

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** - led by Dick, W1UP at 7:07PM

**Roll Call of the Officers:**

President – Dick Wiitala, W1UP

Vice President – Doug Dietz, WD8Z

Treasurer – Glenn Helwig, WK8P-excused

Secretary – Don Spaeth, W8DGS

8 paid members present out of 33 eligible registered members

**Announcements**

**Our new officers are;**

- Pres. Michael Witt KE8FSR,
- Vice-Pres Wayne Huggler K8QBZ,
- Treas. Richard Wiitala W1UP, and Sec.
- Donald Spaeth W8DGS

Their term of office is from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026

It was brought to our attention, that if we cancel a meeting scheduled with ACC, they must be notified as they pay a custodian to be on duty those hours.

Our newest Ham, Jamie, has a new call sign. It is KJ4BRY

**Approval of minutes of May's meeting.** Please read them as posted on our web page (ThunderBayARC, org). Motion made by Jerry KG8N, seconded by Don KD8DAG, and approved unanimously.

**Financial report and approval**

See added sheet.

The purchase of a real-time clock that was approved at May's meeting was completed for \$63.95; and it has been installed for the repeater.

Motion was made by Art K8DGW, seconded by Jerry KG8N and passed unanimously to accept the treasure's report

**Old Business**

None

**New business:**

- 1) Field Day, preliminary report -W1UP. A discussion re difficulty in maintaining the coordination of time between the computers was held. It appears to have been caused by one of the computers using Windows 7, while the others were using Windows 10. It is planned on being rectified for next field day.
- 2) The preliminary data was presented, We had a score of 266 this year compared to one in the low 300's last year. Digital contacts were 23; SSB at 20m were 135, and SSB at 40m were 56. These numbers will be verified and adjusted as required for a final report.

- 3) Dues incentives – a motion was made by Don KD8DAG, seconded by Jerry KG8N that a card-stock certificate will be provided at the club’s expense to those members who pay their dues before the end of July. It passed unanimously.
- 4) The minutes of TBARC for the monthly meetings of February, March, April, and May – although approved – do not contain evidence of a quorum being present. A motion was made by Doug WD8Z, seconded by Don KD8DAG, and passed unanimously to add a statement supporting the presence of a quorum at these meetings. The supporting statement to be made based upon the sign in rooster of each meeting. This statement will be of the type showing the number of officers present, the number of other TBARC paid members present and the total number of eligible members in TBARC. A similar statement will be included in the minutes of future club meetings.
- 5) Any member that has paid their dues and does not have a TBARC membership cards, Please contact the Secretary to obtain a current card.

**Presentation:** A presentation regarding the development of the understanding of the function of transmission lines was presented. The first transatlantic cable took 16.5 hours to transmit an 82-word message. The discovery and the impact of induction and conductance was presented. These factors impact us, as we use co-axial cables.

Two links to be reviewed are shown here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASNO8rNzcLc>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyS2aNIKxmQ>

**Adjournment** Meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM upon a motion by Jerry KG8N, seconded by Art K8DGW and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer’s Report May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Share Accounts**

Type	Account	Actual Balance
000	SPECIAL	\$150.96
020	SAVINGS	\$2224.75
021	VE	\$74.60
022	MEMORIAL FUND	\$120.28
	Accounts Total	\$2598.36

**Deposits**

Dues (back & current).....\$70.00

**Expenses** (debit card)      Clock      \$63.95

Field Day supplies – Meijers      \$42.23

Field Day set-up lunch -Little Caesars      \$40.24

Respectfully submitted

Donald G. Spaeth W8DGS  
 Secretary TBARC