



4/22/2025

P.O. Box 764
Alpena, Michigan 49707
Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
April 22, 2025
Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance by Mike Witt, KE8FSR

Roll Call of the Officers:

President – Mike Witt, KE8FSR

Vice President – Wayne Huggler, K8QBZ

Treasurer – Dick Wiitala, W1UP

Secretary – Don Spaeth, W8DGS

attending 5 members plus the 4 officers.

Announcements

1. Swap is on Sept 20th - Flyer is on our Website. We are responsible for the Concessions. Ron Epac KG8IR & wife will run them. 2 other members have volunteered to help.
2. Meetings will be in room 106 ACC until Summer, unless you are notified.
3. May 3rd is the date for the Cadillac Swap, which starts at 8:00AM
4. The ARRL response to the proposed rule changes by the FCC are available on website.

Approval of minutes of March's meetings Was unanimous after **motion** by Wayne, K8QBZ and seconded by Dick, W1UP.

Financial report by Dick, W1UP

Treasurer's Report 2025Share Accounts

Type	Account	Available Balance	Actual Balance	Accrued Dividends
000	SPECIAL	\$146.32	\$151.32	\$0.02
020	SAVINGS	\$2,495.50	\$2495.50	\$028
022	MEMORIAL FUND	\$20.38	\$20.38	\$0.00
040	CHECKING	\$32.71	\$32.71	\$0.00
041	V.E.	\$115.60	\$115.60	\$0.00
	Account Totals:	\$2810.51	\$2815.51	\$0.30

Account Activity

April 1, 2025 Debit card Harbor Freight - extra battery for repeater-----\$81.61
April 2, 2025 Debit card Meijer – gas for generator at the repeater-----\$11.00
April 18, 2025 Debit card Amazon.com – table for ARES-----\$58.54*
April 18. 2025 Debit card Amazon.com – USB sound card dongles-----\$12.00*

- = purchased with NMARC funds that were transferred to TBARC

There are a few more items needed that will come from NMARC funds (Which are mixed with our general funds.)

Funds from		See October 24, 2022	
NMARC	Amount	Balance	Balance under 'NewBusiness'
10/14/2021	\$510.72	Initial deposit	\$510.72
09/26/2023	\$80.00	Paid to W1UP for 2 computers	\$430.72
04/18/2025	\$58.54	Table for ARES	\$372.18
04/18/2025	\$12.00	USB Sound Card Dongles	\$360.18

Financial report was approved unanimously after motion by Don, W8DGS and seconded by Leah, K2YDO.

Old Business

- 1 & 2 Discussion on Ares FLDIGI practice and report on WINLINK– K8QB. FLDIGI is working. Winlink is having problems, but being improved.
3. Plans for Field Day – June 28/29. Still awaiting permission from City for Mich-e-ke-wis Park. Discussed modes, bands, and power set ups.
- 1 Please the sign-up on URL for Field Day on <https://tinyurl.com/TBARC-FD-2025>

New Business

1. report on MQSO held last weekend. Mike KE8FSR reported 125 contacts in 37 counties.

2. Repeater: A new analog switch array was installed in the repeater controller. This should take care of the problem of audio occasionally dropping during a transmission. The 440 is still being developed. A local link may be installed to connect Alpena with the Manning Hill repeater. Another possibility is to add the 440 antenna to a local tower.

Education: A video showing the use of a Goozeezoo 40-10 150-watt EFHW antenna was viewed. A side note was the use of through-the-door/window co-ax jumper. The link is available on our web page. Dan KE8NZI suggested this video.

Adjournment was at 8:05 by motion of Wayne, K8QBZ and Leah, K2YDO.

Respectfully submitted by Don, W8DGS, secretary.