



P.O. Box 764
Alpena, Michigan 49707
Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
May 27, 2025
Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Mike KE8FSR at 7:00pm

Roll Call of the Officers:

President – Mike Witt, KE8FSR

Vice President – Wayne Huggler, K8QBZ

Treasurer – Dick Wiitala, W1UP

Secretary – Don Spaeth, W8DGS

attending 4 officers + 5 other members = 9 voting members

Announcements

1. Swap is on Sept 20th - Flyer is on our Website
2. Meetings will be in room 106 ACC Until September, then we need to re-register for the room
3. the sign-up url for Field Day is <https://tinyurl.com/TBARC-FD-2025> . There are 3 sheet, one for the hours you wish to work the radios; one for the equipment you will bring; and one for the pot luck food. Please participate and Register.

Approval of minutes of April's meetings. Please read them as posted on our web page (ThunderBayARC.org) Minutes approved upon motion by Wayne, K8QBZ, seconded by Mike, KE8FSR and accepted unanimously.

Financial report and approval See attached sheet for Report. It was approved upon motion by Glenn, WK8P; seconded by Jerry, KG8n and passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Discussion on Ares FLDIGI practice. FLDIGI and Winink will be used, VarAC will not be used. Practice especially on HF bands, will be arranged after the Field Day.
2. Plans for Field Day – June 29/30. Location will be at Mich-e-Ki-Wis. Use of the pavilion at \$175 was deemed not to be cost/beneficial. We will set up a common log system, probably via cable network. We anticipate 3 stations using an end-fed antenna, and a dipole wire. The beam will not be utilized this year. FLDIGI will be run separately. KG8N will bring an Awning and heater; Mike will bring tent. We will set up at about 8:00am on June 28th. Two links for information for Field day are
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FI4Y2tqKItY>
and <https://youtube.com/watch?v=noNyfS4vPlk&t=10s>

New Business

1. The Repeater now has 96 hrs battery capability..
2. A motion was made to purchase 3-75ft long cables to use in forming the network on Field Day at cost about \$50.00. Motion made by Glenn, WK8P; seconded by Hugh, WQ8TV; and passed unanimously.
3. Discussion about retention of records was held. The consensus was that only official papers need to be retained for 7 years.

Education Mike, KE8FSR presented cards with National Emergency Frequencies. See Attached.

Adjournment was at 8:12 upon motion by Jerry, KG8N; seconded by Wayne, K8QBZ

Treasurer's Report May 27th, 2025

Share Accounts

Type	Account	Available Balance	Actual Balance	Accrued Dividends
000	SPECIAL	\$146.32	\$151.32	\$0.06
020	SAVINGS	\$2,385.50	\$2,385.50	\$0.75
022	MEMORIAL FUND	\$20.38	\$20.38	\$0.00
040	CHECKING	\$71.55	\$71.55	\$0.00
041	V.E.	\$115.60	\$115.60	\$0.00
	Account Totals:	\$2,739.35	\$2,744.35	\$0.81

Account Activity

April 24, 2025 Debit Card End Fed Antenna for Airport----- \$100.69*

May 27, 2025 Debit Card Walmart Ethernet cable for the Airport----- \$10.47*

May 27, 2025 Dues deposit for 2025-26----- \$40.00

*** = purchased with NMARC funds that were transferred to TBARC**

Funds from NMARC		Balance	\$249.02	See October 24th 2023
				under "New Business"
10/14/21	\$510.72	initial deposit		
09/26/23	-\$80.00	Paid to W1UP for 2 computers		
04/18/25	-\$58.54	Table for ARES		
04/18/25	-\$12.00	USB Sound Card Dongles		
04/24/25	-\$100.69	8010 150w end fed antenna for Airport		
05/27/25	-\$10.47	Ethernet cable		

Respectfully submitted
Don W8DGS, secretary