



P.O. Box 764
 Alpena, Michigan 49707
 Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
 September 23, 2025
 Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Dick, W1UP at 7:00pm

Roll Call of the Officers:

President – Mike Witt, KE8FSR - absent

Vice President – Wayne Huggler, K8QBZ

Treasurer – Dick Wiitala, W1UP

Secretary – Don Spaeth, W8DGS

attending 3 officers + 3 other members = 6 members present out of 26 paid members

Announcements

1. Our Monthly meetings for Oct. 2025, Nov. 2025, and Jan, 2026 will be in room 106 at ACC. The Dec. 2025 meeting will be our Christmas party.

Approval of minutes of June's meetings. approved upon motion by Glenn, WK8P, seconded by Hugh, WQ8TV, and accepted unanimously.

Financial report and approval See attached sheet for Report. It was approved upon motion by Hugh, WQ8TV ; seconded by Glenn, WK8P and passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Discussion on Ares FLDIGI practice. Practice will be schedule soon..
2. Field Day – Tabled until results are available, probably in Nov.
3. Fox Hunt – 11 Hams participated, and all found the fox.
4. Picnic – Held August 19th; 12 members and 8 guests attended. Food was good and the fellowship better.
5. Swap – A good turnout. All tables were filled, except 2 no-shows. Various TBARC members ran the food service. The monetary results will be revisited when available. TBARC may make a donation to the Gaylord club for repair of their repeated damaged by the winters ice storm.

New Business

1. Meetings – A discussion was held regarding changing our monthly meeting format. The goal is to make the meetings of more interest to our members. It was suggested that there be a monthly executive board meeting to do the mundane business of the club, with a report to the general membership, and also have a monthly general meeting with emphasis on educational items, and topics of interest. The executive board will investigate any by-laws that impact this concept.

Education Dick W1UP presented information re how to cope with the end of support for Windows 10. One work-around was to subscribe to MS account and pay a yearly fee. Another option is to purchase patches from Europe for about \$30/yr. A third option is to install one of the several Lenox programs and run them as an alternative to Windows. The Lenox systems seem to be more secure, good for older computers, has many useful apps, including some that are for HAM operators.

Adjournment was at 8:45pm upon motion by Wayne, K6QBZ; & seconded by Glenn WK8P.

Treasurer's Report September 23, 2025

Share Accounts

Type	Account	Available Balance	Actual Balance	Accrued Dividends
000	SPECIAL	\$146.41	\$151.41	\$0.08
020	SAVINGS	\$2,551.71	\$2,551.71	\$1.19
022	MEMORIAL FUND	\$20.38	\$20.38	\$0.00
040	CHECKING	\$36.27	\$36.27	\$0.00
041	V.E.	\$115.60	\$115.60	\$0.00
	Account Totals:	\$2,870.37	\$2,875.37	\$1.27

Account Activity

Deposits:

Dues deposited 6/25/25-9/22/25-----\$425.00

Expenses:

Debit card – MI CORPORATIONS DIV-----\$ 20.00

Debit Card – QTH HOSTING-----\$ 14.69

Debit Card – RISK STRATEGIES COMP-----\$200.00

Debit Card – MEIJER STORE-----\$59.89

Debit Card – MILLERS OFFICE MACHINE-----\$ 9.90

Debit card – MEIJER STORE-----\$49.00

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