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P.O. Box 764
Alpena, Michigan 49707
Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
October 28,, 2025
Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00PM 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 13 embers present, including the 4 officers.

Announcements

1. **New members** – 2 new members attended. Each are awaiting licensure. And Introductions done
 - a. Testing was discussed, and web sites for study and practice testing were given.
 - b. Possibility for completing more than one level of testing at the same testing session was explained.
 - c. One of the new members had questions about programming the Baofeng hand held radio. Referral to Joe, at the dive shop was made.
2. **ARRL-** needs our input to petition congress to safeguard our frequencies.
 - a. Members were urged to go to ARRL's web site (ARRL.ORG) to be included in petitions to congress
 - b. If able, donate to Spectrum defense fund.

Approval of minutes of September's meetings.. Minutes as posted on TBARC web site were approved upon motion by Wayne K8QBZ, seconded by Glen WK8P and unanimously approved.

Financial Report – Dick W1UP see below.

Financial report - was approved by motion of Glenn WK8P, second by Don K8MVT and passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. **Report on 440** – Dick W1UP reported that the 440 is functioning, but the receiving portion has issues, but the transmitting portion is good. If issues can't be resolved using the Manning Hi tower, the aerial may be relocated to one of three potential sites in Alpena.

New Business

1. **Monies received from Gaylord Swap** – Due to the breaking of Gaylords Repeater due to last springs ice storm, it was moved by Don K8MVT seconded by Ron N8XKX and unanimously approved to advise the Gaylord club to keep the monies allotted to us from the swap for ere-establishing their repeater.
2. **Christmas Party – Our** Christmas Party will occur in Dec. We anticipate Friday 12/12/25 at a site TBD. Please plan on your contribution to the pot-luck.

Education - two videos were shared. They may be reviewed at the noted links.

1. **Why is it HAM Radio?** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWoZ_mqjlnA
Mary Jo told a family story about her grandfather in the 1920's and his use of HAM radio to keep his factory up to date on the World Series.
2. **FCC enforcement** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ix5npNfjM4>

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned upon motion by Wayne K8QBZ and second by Ron N8XKX.

Treasurer's Report October 28, 2025

Share Accounts

Type	Account	Available Balance	Actual Balance	Accrued Dividends
000	SPECIAL	\$146.50	\$151.50	\$0.03
020	SAVINGS	\$2,473.01	\$2,473.01	\$0.36
022	MEMORIAL FUND	\$20.38	\$20.38	\$0.00
040	CHECKING	\$44.99	\$44.99	\$0.00
041	V.E.	\$115.60	\$115.60	\$0.00
	Account Totals:	\$2,800.48	\$2,805.48	\$0.39

Account Activity**Deposits:**

No deposits.....\$0.00

Expenses:

Debit Card – QTH HOSTING-----\$ 71.28

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 Spaeth W8DGS, secretary.