



P.O. Box 764  
Alpena, Michigan 49707  
Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club  
February 24, 2026  
Minutes

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** at 7:00PM by Mike Witt, KE8FSR

**Roll Call of the Officers:**

- President – Mike Witt, KE8FSR present  
Vice President – Wayne Huggler, K8QBZ present  
Treasurer – Dick Wiitala, W1UP absent  
Secretary – Don Spaeth, W8DGS present  
# attending 3 officers and 6 other voting members.

**Announcements**

1. A plastic Tupperware bowl from the Christmas Party is looking for its owner. Contact Dick, W1UP to claim.
2. Relative to the MI QSO party: NJF3P has programs available. Gray line and AM clock have programs – see Glenn, WK8P. Mike KE8FSR will check out computer programs, also.
3. Members were encouraged to use the daily 2M net. If no one else is on, take net-control.

**Approval of minutes of January's meeting** Moved by Wayne, K8QBZ, Seconded by Glenn, WK8P and passed unanimously.

**Financial Report & approval** – Report submitted by Dick, W1UP. No activity this month, Motion to approve was made by Dan, KE8NZI, seconded by .Don, KD8DAG and passed unanimously. See Report at end of these minutes.

**Old Business**

1. **Fox Hunt:** Sue will hide. Date & Time is April 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00PM starting at the Tractor Supply Parking lot by the old Ball tire building. (Note: this is the week before our regular meeting). Suggestion was made to incorporate triangulation procedures in hunting the Fox. The coverage of the Fox beacon is dependent upon conditions and receiving antenna, but can be up to 5 to 10 miles. Don, W8DGS will contact BSA and see if any scout is working on the radio merit badge or if any want to join us.
2. **MI QSO Party:** will be from 1600z 19<sup>th</sup> to 0400z 20<sup>th</sup> April (note: this is the weekend before our monthly meeting.) After much discussion, several announcements were made – see above. Also, there was a discussion about RST values. This will be followed up in next months meeting per Mike, KE8FSR.
3. **ARRL Summer Field Day:** 1800z 27<sup>th</sup> to 2059z 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Mike, KE8FSR will start the paper work to use Mich-E-Ke-Wis area. We will set up on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Each of use need

to consider when we can work and what equipment we can bring Further discussion was deferred until next meeting..

**New Business:** None discussed

**Education :**None for this month besides driving in snow.

Next month education will be done on::

1. RST usage (Mike, KE8FSR).
2. How to triangulate during the fox hunt, Don, KD8DAG
3. Near vertical set – How to, advantages and other uses.

**Adjournment** Motion made by Wayne, K8QBZ, seconded by Dan KE8NZI at 7:38pm.

## Treasurer’s Report February 24, 2026

### Share Accounts

Type	Account	Available Balance	Actual Balance	Accrued Dividends
000	SPECIAL	\$146.59	\$151.59	\$0.05
020	SAVINGS	\$2,334.24	\$2,334.24	\$.70
022	MEMORIAL FUND	\$20.38	\$20.38	\$0.00
040	CHECKING	\$60.94	\$60.94	\$0.00
041	V.E.	\$123.60	\$123.60	\$0.00
	Account Totals:	\$2,685.75	\$2,690.75	\$.75

**Account Activity - no activity**

**Deposits - no deposits**

**Expenses - no expenses**

**No changes to funds from NMARC**

Funds from NMARC		Balance	\$249.02	See October 24th 2023
				under “New usiness”
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		