



P.O. Box 764
 Alpena, Michigan 49707
 Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
 April 28, 2026
 minutes

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance At 1900hrs 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 6 members = 6 voting members

Announcements

- 1) Just a reminder that only active, licensed Ham operators are to use the repeater. If your license needs to be renewed, contact the FCC web site. If your license has expired, but you are in the grace period, it is not legal for you to broadcast.
- 2) Field day needs to be discussed – see NEW BUSINESS

Approval of minutes of February's meeting. As reviewed from TBARC web site.

Moved by Wayne, K8QBZ; Seconded by Glenn WK8P; and passed **unanimously**.

Financial report submitted by treasurer, Dick, W1UP, as below, and had only one change from prior – that of \$60 deposit for dues. A motion to approve, by Wayne K8QBZ, seconded by Glenn WK8P, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report March 24th, 2026

Share Accounts

Type	Account	Available Balance	Actual Balance	Accrued Dividends
000	SPECIAL	\$146.68	\$151.68	\$0.03
020	SAVINGS	\$2,395.41	\$2,395.41	\$0.34
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:	\$2,747.01	\$2,752.01	\$0.37

Account Activity - dues deposit of \$60.00

Expenses - no expenses

No changes to funds from NMARC

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		

Old Business

1. Fox Hunt was postponed due to flooding. Any action was tabled until more members present to give input.
2. MI QSO Party, participation seemed poor, probably due to flooding. Mike KE8FSR did participate. The 40 / 20 / 15 were fairly quiet during the day with 3 or 4 contacts. He made about 50 contacts after dark on the 80 meter band.
3. ARRL Summer field Day: Friday, June 26th will be set up day, with competition held from Saturday, June 27th to Sunday June 28th.. Excel roosters will be available to choose time willing to operate; equipment willing to bring; items of food and number of people bringing. The BBQ & pot luck will be set for Friday dinner. Continued under new business.

New Business

1. The space available at *Mich-E-Ke-Wis* Park has been reduced. The sites at the fair grounds are in flux due to proposed construction.
2. Therefore, a discussion on sites that could be used was done. The criteria needed includes: 1) a 1000 ft radius of space, 2) Trees or poles are helpful, 3) Bathroom availability, 4) parking, especially for trailers, 5) apart from homes, and 6) close to public view and access. Mike KE8FSR will evaluate the best available site and inform the TBARC.
3. Sites that are possible considerations included: 1) ACC, by the telephone pole garden, or behind the library/gym; 2) McRee park; 3) Duck Park by the parking lot, or even on the island itself; 4) on Indian Reserve road by airport; 5) Area behind the Aplex; 6) Starlight beach area; 7) Manning Hill park area; 8) backside of the fair-grounds; 9) *Mich-E-Ke-Wis* park

Education

'How to triangulate radio signal source' was deferred.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1957hrs upon motion by Wayne, K8QBZ and seconded by Jim K8MVT

Respectfully submitted,

Don Spaeth W8DGS, secretary