

Minutes for the 10/16/13 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX, meeting held at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall. Meeting began at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Will Covey AC2GE (Pres.), Craig Stevenson W2DTI (VP), Julie Covey KC2ZTG (Secretary & Treasurer), Meg KD2DXI, Bill KD2DXJ, Elaine KC2PNA, Paul KC2GWT, Joe WB2TUP, Maria K2MJC (non-voting), Joe AJ0EB, Jer KD2CXU, Rick W2QJH and Fred Lampman KC2HYK (Deputy Director Jefferson County Emergency Management). Via Skype: Ed KC2HRZ and Paul WX2PJR. Guests: Michelle KC2UOD and Phil KC5AMQ

President's Report: Welcome to the meeting. Will AC2GE mentioned that he, Rick W2QJH and Craig W2DTI activated Murray Island this past Sunday. More on that in Old Business.

Treasurer's Report: Total funds for TIRC in the Watertown Savings Bank checking account come to \$332.11. We also have \$3 cash in hand, so total funds are \$335.11.

Dues have been paid by 21 members. 2 have not paid.

Julie KC2ZTG has done some more tweaks to website, including adding information about the improvements to both the AC2GE repeater and the WA2NAN repeater (link to OARC website).

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the last meeting were sent to all members for review. Minutes were accepted as written.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report and Secretary's minutes was made by Joe WB2TUP and seconded by Elaine KC2PNA.

The newsletter has been delayed due to Julie KC2ZTG's work. Hopefully it will be going together in the next week or two. This will be a Fall/Winter Newsletter. Anything you might like to include, get it to Julie KC2ZTG.

Old Business:

USisl – Craig W2DTI, Will AC2GE and Rick W2QJH went out to Murray Island, off Clayton, NY, on Sunday, September 22nd. 4 contacts were made, 2 via CW and 2 via SSB. The thought was to check to see if digital modes may be used as they would use less power. Will AC2GE said he would check on the rules concerning digital modes.

QSL cards – We received a QSL card from Cape May, NJ from the ILLW. Julie will be printing the needed cards and Maria K2MJC has volunteered to send out replies to those the club has received.

NYQSO party – Will AC2GE once again reminded everyone of the fact the NYQSO party will be this coming weekend October 19th. He offered to have a setup at his house, if anyone is interested.

ILLW – Where for next year? Rock Island Light was once again mentioned as a possibility, maybe in addition to Tibbetts Point Lighthouse.

Field Day locations – Several locations have been mentioned. Jer KD2CXU will continue with his search. Rick W2QJH mentioned several parks around Watertown. BOCES was also mentioned. It is not pressing, so more investigating will be conducted.

New Business:

Bylaws change to include Board of Directors – Suggested changes to be voted on at the next meeting, in person, are as follows:

Article II

*** Change to read OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

***Add to Section 1**

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the four (4) elected officers and two (2) elected directors. All shall hold a valid Amateur Radio License.

2. Two (2) Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, with staggered terms.

***Add to Section 2**

The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this organization. Such Board of Directors shall only act in the name of the organization when it shall be regularly convened by the president after due notice to all the directors of such meeting. Each director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the majority of Membership for the balance of the term of office.

***Change Article III title to read "Election of Officers and Directors"**

November meeting – The November meeting will be November 14th on the AC2GE repeater at 7 PM. Seaway Net to follow at 7:30 PM.

Testing – No testing until the FCC is back up and running smoothly again.

Dues for 2014 – After some discussion it was motioned by Rick W2QJH and seconded by Elaine KC2PNA to raise the dues from \$20/individual to \$25/individual. Therefore individuals will be \$25 each, Families will be \$37.50 and under 18 individuals will be \$12.50.

Presentation

Fred Lampman KC2HYK the Deputy Director Jefferson County Emergency Management came to talk to the group assembled. The main focus of his talk was that the Office of Emergency Management would like to work with the hams in Jefferson County once they can get together to form a RACES organization. The county would like a set of Bylaws or a plan for the group in the next few months. That is the first step. Once that is fully established and functioning, then a possible Auxiliary Communication Service may be established, which may give more functions for the ham community to perform, BUT RACES must come first.

A plan was established years ago, but a new plan/bylaws needs to be devised. The Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management would like to keep it like other agencies, with it being self-governing. The amateur radio community will design it and control it.

Craig W2DTI suggested that representatives from both Jefferson County-based clubs get together to talk about RACES and what needs to be done.

It was also mentioned that the amateur radios the county owns are in the County building (where the DMV is located), but no antennas may be placed on the roof due to possible intermod issues with the county communications.

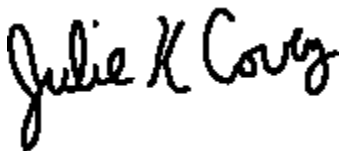
Conclude

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Joe WB2TUP and seconded by Joe AJ0EB.

W5YI testing will resume after the FCC gets going again.

The next meeting for the Thousand Islands Repeater Club will be Wednesday, November 13th at 7 PM on the AC2GE 146.76- repeater, followed by the Seaway Net at 7:30 PM.

Submitted respectfully,



Julie K. Covey
Thousand Islands Repeater Club Secretary/Treasurer
10/16/13