

Minutes for the 11/21/12 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX, meeting held on the 146.76- AC2GE repeater at 7PM.

Attendees: Will Covey AC2GE (Pres.), Craig Stevenson KC2DTI (VP), Julie Covey KC2ZTG (Secretary & Treas.), Dawn Covey KC2ZWN, Roger Covey AC2FP, Paul Barben Sr. KC2GWT, Elaine Barben KC2PNA, Ed Eves KC2HRZ, Ginny Reid KC2ZBY, Paul Leary K2PML, Joe Loveland WB2TUP, Jer Stevens KD2CXU.

Introduction: TIRC President Will Covey thanked everyone for participating in the first TIRC meeting on the air. This was done due to the Thanksgiving holiday the next day and to try out the format for possible use later in the winter months.

President's Report: The status of the ARRL Affiliation: Had not heard on the status of affiliation for a month, so an email was sent to Norm Fusaro at ARRL to find out how it was progressing. Through Norm, questions were sent from Atlantic Division Bill Edgar with a couple of concerns. Responses were sent, but as of the meeting, have not heard back.

Treasurer's Report: A PayPal account was set up and a PayPal button for donations was placed on the TIRC website since the last meeting in October. The club has had two donations totaling \$67.37 after the processing fees from PayPal.

A checking account with Watertown Savings Bank was also established. In order to set that up, a Federal EIN number was applied for and granted for TIRC. All funds from the PayPal account have been transferred into the checking account, making the total funds for TIRC at \$128.37.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the last meeting were posted on the TIRC website. A motion to accept the minutes as posted was proposed by Roger AC2FP and seconded by Paul KC2GWT.

It was noted that the deadline for newsletter submissions is next Friday, November 30th.

Old Business: Roger AC2FP did research on USi the information. The information he found is listed below:

This program is one we can participate in locally. Several Islands from this area have already qualified (see list below). Seems fairly simple to begin, pick an island that meets the criteria, pick a date to broadcast, contact QM or WM to get an island number before actual date, make 25 contacts to qualify following the suggested format, Once you have qualified a new USi, email the QM with a summary statement of your operation.

"KD2CPX made XX QSOs with X DXCC countries from NY0XXR."

This is all done on the honor system. The QSL card either paper or electronic with the proper information is the verification of a contact.

Barnhart	NY008R	St Lawrence River	St Lawrence	KA2PHQ/M
N.E. Of Messina - Off Rte 37 To The End Of Rte 131				

Wellesley	NY010R	St Lawrence River	Jefferson	KA2PHQ/1	N.
Of Watertown - On I-81 at the Canadian border					

Wilson Hill	NY009R	St Lawrence River	St Lawrence	KA2PHQ/M
N.E. Of Massena - Off Rte 131 To Wilson Hill Rd				

Website: <http://www.usislands.org/>

Debate about if we needed to do this on an island which has access via bridge? Suggested islands were Grindstone (using Picnic Point SP) and Wellesley Island (suggested by Ed KC2HRZ). Other islands, boat accessible, were suggested by Craig KC2DTI, including Murray Island, among others. The point was also made that some members may have difficulty with boats and suggested Wellesley Island due to ease of access via the TI Bridge.

New Business: There are no pending applications to note at this time.

Members were asked to think about club dues for 2013, levels of membership and bring their ideas to the next meeting.

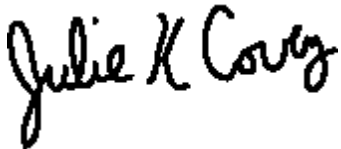
W5YI testing update – as of January 1, Will AC2GE will be the VEC for W5YI for this area as David Little wishes to step down from the position. Will asked that anyone on David's VE team that wishes to be involved can be with the new group that is being formed. Those interested include KC2GWT, KC2PNA, AC2FP.

The topic of having meetings at members' homes was brought up to save going to the Depauville Fire Hall. Ed KC2HRZ offered his home for the December meeting. Others of the membership expressed concern as they do not have room at their homes for such meetings. It was decided the next meeting will be at the Depauville Fire Hall.

Presentation: None at this meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Paul KC2GWT and seconded by Roger AC2FP. The next meeting for the Thousand Islands Repeater Club will be Wednesday, December 19th at 7PM at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department.

Submitted respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie K. Covey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie K. Covey
Thousand Islands Repeater Club Secretary/Treasurer
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