

Minutes for the 12/18/13 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX, meeting at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department Banquet Hall. Call to order at 7:15PM.

Attendees: Will Covey AC2GE (Pres.), Craig Stevenson W2DTI (VP), Julie Covey KC2ZTG (Secretary & Treasurer), Meg KD2DXI, Bill KD2DXJ, Jer KD2CXU.

President's Report: Welcome to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Total funds for TIRC in the Watertown Savings Bank checking account come to \$857.11. Dues were paid by three members (KD2DXJ, KD2DXI and AC0ZT) totaling \$75. Donations were made towards the 440 repeater - \$100 by Bill KD2DXJ, Meg KD2DXI, \$25 by Bruce AC0ZT, and \$25 by Tom and Mary Jane Fulton. **THANK YOU!**

Withdrawals were \$350 (via check) to pay Bob Verdon KA2FWN for the 440 repeater (note it is a new piece of equipment and has a one year warranty). Also need to pay for the antenna for the 440 machine (more details on that below) at a cost of \$180 to Will AC2GE and Julie KC2ZTG. Withdrawal will be made this week.

Total after all this is \$552.11, with \$95 of that being earmarked for the repeater, possibly.

Dues have been paid by 19 members. 2 have not paid. I need to reach Tom and Mary Jane, as I (Julie) cannot find a record of them paying their dues.

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 Meg KD2DXI and seconded by Jer KD2CXU.

The newsletter has been delayed due to Julie KC2ZTG's work. Hopefully it will get put together over Christmas break.

Old Business:

Bylaws change to include Board of Directors – Suggested changes to be voted on 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"**

Five members voted via email due to inclement weather or other obligations at the time of the meeting. Those individuals are: Joe AJ0EB, Paul KC2GWT, Elaine KC2PNA, Rick W2QJH, and Edgar KB2KHR. Paul WX2PJR replied for his vote via text message, as weather made him unable to attend.

Vote was held for Bylaws change. It passed unanimously, both by those in attendance and those who voted via email and text. Updated Bylaws will be posted in the next week.

Dues for 2014 – Please remember dues are due by January 31, 2014. Individual is \$25 and Family is \$37.50.

Field Day 2014 – Craig is checking on the Pavilion at the Rec Park in Clayton. Jer is also checking further on using the battlefield in Sackets Harbor. In Sackets, it would be over near the red pavilion, but once again, there would be no bathroom facilities and we would have to rent a portapotty. To be discussed further...

New Business:

New member – Jason KB3SAR has paid dues, but has not been able to come to a club meeting or event. We will vote on his membership after he is able to do so.

Club 440 repeater – The 440 repeater is on the air at the Covey house with the antenna on the top of the tower trailer tower at about 40'. Link radio was working very well to connect it to the Fine repeater, but due to technical difficulties when we tried to change it over from using the power supply to battery, the link is now down. Bob KA2FWN, the one who put it together, is working on a new link radio for us. An antenna was purchased. After some research a Diamond X510HDN 2m/70cm antenna was purchased from Ham Radio Outlet. Cost was \$180. Before the repeater may be moved to a higher and more permanent site we have to do something about the power at the site.

Our only option at the site is solar/battery power. Will AC2GE and Julie KC2ZTG purchased some used batteries to power the 146.76- repeater, but these seem to be not what they once were. They have also purchased a 300 W Conergy solar panel to charge the batteries, as well as a MPPT Tracer 2210RN 100 V charge controller for the setup. The issue now is the batteries. Julie KC2ZTG is investigating the possibilities for new batteries, both 6V and 12V options through Adirondack Battery as well as other sources. It is asked that the club consider, to be discussed further at a future club meeting or possibly via email, the possibility of contributing monies for the purchase of one battery. There will be several batteries purchased; the request is that the club members consider Club funds for contributing for the purchase of one.

Testing – Testing has not been conducted in several months due to no requests to do so. If you know of anyone who wishes to get into the hobby or wishes to upgrade, please let Will AC2GE know and a testing session may be scheduled. The next possible session on the calendar is noted as 1/22/14, but this can be flexible.

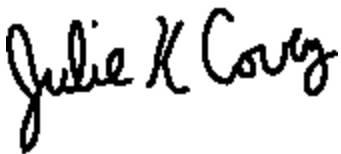
RACES meeting (not club related but still radio related) – The next meeting of Jefferson County RACES to conduct further planning will be held next Friday, January 17th, at 7PM at the Gander Mountain Lodge meeting room. All interested hams are asked to attend. For more information, please contact Craig W2DTI at W2DTI@arrl.net.

Conclude:

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Meg KD2DXI and seconded by Will AC2GE.

The next meeting for the Thousand Islands Repeater Club will be Wednesday, January 15th at 7 PM on the 146.76-AC2GE repeater.

Submitted respectfully,



Julie K. Covey
Thousand Islands Repeater Club Secretary/Treasurer
12/19/13