

Minutes for the 2/19/14 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX, meeting at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department Banquet Hall. Call to order at 7:09PM

Attendees: Will Covey AC2GE (Pres.), Craig Stevenson W2DTI (VP), Julie Covey KC2ZTG (Secretary & Treasurer), Rick W2QJH, Chris KB2ZAW

President's Report: Welcome to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Total funds for TIRC in the Watertown Savings Bank checking account as of last meeting were \$913.90. Currently we have \$1012.87. The increase is from dues from 4 totaling \$98.97 that have come in in last month. (One was lower than \$25 due to PayPal fees.)

Note: we will have payment of \$200 for insurance this spring.

There are 17 paid members as of this meeting.

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 Rick W2QJH and seconded by Craig W2DTI.

The next newsletter will come out in late spring.

Old Business:

Dues for 2014 – Please remember dues are due! Individual is \$25 and Family is \$37.50. Thanks to those who have paid.

New Business:

Election of Board members - tabled until next meeting. It was also brought up and motioned that the Bylaws should be altered to include 3, instead of the current 2 Board members, as listed to keep the number odd. Motion made by Rick W2QJH, seconded by Craig W2DTI to relook at the Bylaws to make this change. Also tabled until next meeting.

Field Day 2014 – Discussion on having Field Day at the Clayton Rec Park. All present agreed that it was a good public location. It was agreed that Julie KC2ZTG should check on this further.

Club 440 repeater - The yagi link antenna was installed today. Waiting for better weather for installing the hardline and antenna.

Incorporation/Nonprofit status - discussion ensued. The order to things should be incorporation, then nonprofit status. Motion was made by Craig W2DTI, seconded by W2QJH, to consult with a lawyer and then possibly move forward. Craig W2DTI will check on this further. Discussion was also made on when fiscal year should start (October or July were mentioned).

Pending membership application(s) - tabled until next meeting.

Topics from the floor -

Dispersment of funds - it suggested by Craig W2DTI that we have it so that checks have to be signed by 2 officers. This was debated by those present.

Fundraising - Rick W2QJH made the suggestion to have a rummage sale at his place when the Sackets Harbor area has its rummage sales this spring/summer. This was met with an encouraging response and Rick W2QJH will look into when the sales are.

It was also suggested to have a small swap meet/hamfest at one of the local fire halls. This could make some money for the club and get our name out to the area. It was suggested to align it with another event in the area (for example, if at the Depauville Fire Hall, have it coincide with an event in Clayton to get more traffic). Soda and snacks could be sold. Also suggested was a pancake breakfast, or a partnership with a local restaurant for getting a portion of the proceeds on a given night (Applebee's and Denny's do this).

Other topics - Suggestion was made by Craig W2DTI that anyone that tests through Will AC2GE, they then could have a one year free membership to get more people involved. Other suggestions included setting up a table/exhibit at the Highway Legends event in May, or the Antique Boat Show in August, to introduce people to the hobby, advertising through the FX Caprara events website, or having events for people to come together (bus trip, boat trip, etc.). Many thoughts.... The main goal is to get more hams involved.

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 session on the calendar is noted as 2/26/14.

Conclude:

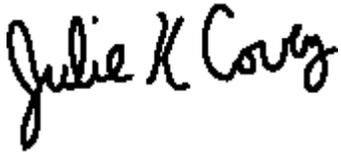
Next meeting we will focus on the incorporation/nonprofit status, Field Day, and Board members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Julie KC2ZTG and seconded by Will AC2GE.

The next meeting for the Thousand Islands Repeater Club will be Wednesday, March 19th at 7 PM at the Depauville Fire Department Banquet Hall.

Next testing will be 2/26/14, if anyone requests it.

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
2/19/14