

Minutes for the 2/20/13 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX, meeting held at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department at 7:08 PM.

Attendees: Will Covey AC2GE (Pres.), Craig Stevenson KC2DTI (VP), Julie Covey KC2ZTG (Secretary & Treas.), Jer Stevens KD2CXU, Rick Holley W2QJH. Via Skype – Paul Leary K2PML, Paul Reape WX2PJR, Ed Eves KC2HRZ.

President's Report: Welcome to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Total funds for TIRC in the Watertown Savings Bank checking account come to \$301.73.

Dues have been paid by 11 members. Dues are due by the end of February.

It was asked at that time if there were any suggestions for the website. Julie KC2ZTG has been trying to keep it fresh with new links included that for Ham Nation.

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 Ed KC2HRZ and seconded by Paul WX2PJR.

Deadline for the next newsletter is March 15th. Please get any information or articles to Julie KC2ZTG before that date.

Old Business: USi was once again a topic. Date of July 20, 2013 with a rain date of July 21, 2013. Set up will be somewhere on Wellesley Island. Suggestion was made by Jer KD2CXU to use the Wellesley Island Fire Department as a location. Craig KC2DTI suggested we check on different pavilions on the island (TI Park Pavilion was mentioned), as they would be good locations in case of rain.

ARRL affiliation is moving forward. Will AC2GE has had communication with Tom KF2GC (NNY Section manager) who has checked on it for us. The response he received was that it will be put up for vote in the next few weeks and we should affiliation by this time next month. Many thanks to Tom!

W5YI testing will be available next Wednesday, February 27, 2013.

The subject of Tax exempt status was brought up again. Julie KC2ZTG had done some further research, finding that to receive the determination letter would be a fee of \$400, regardless if 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(7) were filed for. At this point in time, resources available would determine that the club would wait on this. Ed KC2HRZ suggested we table this for now and Will AC2GE seconded it.

New Business: The pending applications of Jer KD2CXU, Rick W2QJH and Joe WB2TUP were approved as a group. This was proposed by Craig KC2DTI and seconded by Will AC2GE and approved by those assembled. These three hams are now members of TIRC.

Field Day – The question was put forth to the membership by Will AC2GE, “Do we want to do it?” The response was YES from all assembled.

With that answer, the following questions were raised:

1. Tibbetts Point for the location?
 - a. Ed KC2HRZ suggested his house as the location, but it was brought up by Rick W2QJH that more points can be attained for Field Day by using a public location, so Tibbetts Point Lighthouse was decided to be used.
 - b. Julie KC2ZTG had checked with the Town of Cape Vincent earlier in the week if the Lighthouse was available then, and was told yes.
2. Shelter for Field Day
 - a. Coveys have an easy up to use
 - b. Rick W2QJH has a screen tent
 - c. Other small tents were mentioned.
3. Radios
 - a. Paul WX2PJR said he would like to bring his FT-897D. Others also said they would bring rigs.
 - b. It was debated on number of stations
 - i. Possible number was 2 stations and one Get On the Air station.
4. Power
 - a. Roger AC2FP has mentioned (not at the meeting) he as a generator that can be used.
 - b. Rick W2QJH also has a generator we can use.

5. Logging software
 - a. Will AC2GE mentioned that when his family did field day up in Ogdensburg in 2012 they used the software by N2FJP very successfully.
 - b. Brought up that Rick W2QJH also has this software
 - c. Possibility of using someone else's or paying \$50 for the lifetime license to be able to use all of N2FJP's software
6. Refreshments
 - a. Suggestion was made by Ed KC2HRZ that everyone should throw an appropriate amount in a piece to help foot the bill for the refreshments. Suggested the sum of \$5-\$10 each.
 - b. Will AC2GE noted that there would be the possibility of 3 meals – supper on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday.
 - c. Paul WX2PJR volunteered to coordinate this. THANK YOU!
7. Media Relations
 - a. For both Field Day and just to get the word out about the group
 - i. Suggestions were made by Craig KC2DTI about getting articles in the local papers, including the Thousand Islands Sun, Watertown Daily Times... Newzjunky was also mentioned as well as the local newsletter in Cape Vincent.

Other new business – suggestion was made to have a special events station possibly at a car show in the area. Mentioned were the Highway Legends event May 17-19 and the car show in Cape Vincent in August. French Festival was also mentioned, but was noted that it might be too much of a zoo to actually make many contacts with people.

Julie KC2ZTG also mentioned possibly setting up a station at the Dexter Family Fun Day in mid-June.

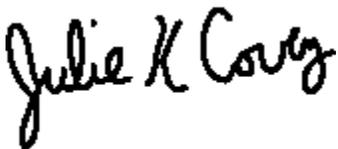
Projects for the future: Will mentioned the idea of foxhunting, suggesting the simple setup of a radio on VOX and an iPod with a recording as means of a transmitter. This was met with some enthusiasm, but can be discussed more at a later meeting.

Presentation: None at this meeting. Suggestion was made to think more about it at meetings once the weather gets better in the spring.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Julie KC2ZTG and seconded by Jer KD2CXU.

The next meeting for the Thousand Islands Repeater Club will be Wednesday, March 20th at 7PM at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department.

Submitted respectfully,



Julie K. Covey
Thousand Islands Repeater Club Secretary/Treasurer
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