

Minutes for the 3/19/14 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX, meeting at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department Banquet Hall. Call to order at 7:08PM

Attendees: Will Covey AC2GE (Pres.), Julie Covey KC2ZTG (Secretary & Treasurer), Jer KD2CXU, Meg KD2DXI, Bill KD2DXJ, Craig W2DTI, Dave KD2BMU, John N2MUB, Rick W2QJH, and Maria K2MJC (non-voting).

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 \$1012.87. Currently we have \$1071.70. The increase is from dues from 2 as well as fees (\$5 initial fee and extra paid to cover PayPal fees) totaling \$58.83 that have come in in last month.

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

There are 20 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 Craig W2DTI and seconded by Jer KD2CXU.

The next newsletter will come out in late spring.

Old Business:

Fundraising – It was suggested at the last meeting that the club have a rummage sale at Rick W2QJH's house when Sackets Harbor has its rummage sale days. We are not certain on the date, but Dave KD2BMU remembered it as being Memorial Day weekend. This will be checked on.

Incorporation/Non-profit process – Will AC2GE is working on the paperwork for the Incorporation of the TIRC. Jason KB3SAR has offered to help, as well. This is nearly completed with just a few questions to be filled in. Will AC2GE noted that technically any group that handles less than \$25,000 per year does not *have* to file for non-profit status, according to the IRS, but doing so is the right thing to be done. Incorporation first, then non-profit status.

New Business:

Election of Board members and new Vice President – Three board members were nominated. Craig W2DTI nominated Rick W2QJH to fill the position of Vice President. Meg KD2DXI nominated Craig W2DTI for the 1 year board member position, Jer KD2CXU nominated Bill KD2DXJ for one of the 2 year board member positions, and Julie KC2ZTG nominated Meg KD2DXI for the other 2 year board member position. All positions were voted on separately and all passed unanimously. The Bylaws contain the provision for 3 board members.

Field Day 2014 – We have the use of the field by the pool at the Clayton Recreational Park for this year's Field Day activities. Bathrooms associated with the pool will be available for our use. There will be a charge of \$10/person to stay overnight, but it was discussed that the club should/would pay for this. RV's are also allowed, and may be parked in the parking lot.

Maria made the suggestion of making up and posting a single page flier about Field Day. This will be worked on.

Media outlets such as WWNY, Newzjunky, WDT, TI Sun and others were suggested as means of getting the information out there that we will be conducting this event.

Paul WX2PJR is organizing the food (confirmed via text during the meeting –weather prevented him from attending). Spaghetti will be the dinner selection on Saturday night with eggs, bacon, waffles for breakfast. Sandwiches and chips for lunches (quick items). Anyone with suggestions, please contact Paul.

Will AC2GE is doing the setup (tents, tables) and will bring a small Honda generator and solar panels for power. Others offered to bring batteries. Rick W2QJH is bringing his screen tent. More discussion on this at the coming meetings.

Club 440 repeater - The hardline and antenna have now been installed. Bob KA2FWN who has built the 440 machine will be coming up this coming Saturday (March 22) to install the repeater. We will have links possible to both the Fine repeater and the Lowville repeater from this machine.

Highway Legends Car Show in Clayton – May 17th -18th will be the Highway Legends Car Club Car Show. It is a good place for a possible special events station and a good spot for club exposure. Will AC2GE may bring his car and we have others as well that would help attract people to our setup. Those attending thought it a good idea. Will AC2GE will check on this further.

Pending memberships – John N2MUB and Chris KB2ZAW were voted in unanimously as new members of the Thousand Islands Repeater Club. Welcome!!

Topics from the floor:

General discussion – RACES/ARES meeting for Jefferson County is tomorrow night (March 20) at the EOC in Watertown. Topics of discussion will include SKYWARN, when to have meetings, etc. All interested hams are asked to attend!

Additional topics from the floor (thoughts on presentations) – Mentioned there is an ISS echolink node in Washington DC. Also mentioned, may be some interesting videos could be shown, maybe something off HamTV. K7AGE was also suggested as a good source of videos.

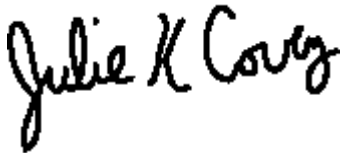
Tech class at the Sci-Tech Center – Joe WB2TUP, Paul KC2GWT and Will AC2GE will be teaching a Tech level class at the Sci-Tech center in May. For a small fee, participants will get the class, the ARRL Tech manual and their test at the end of the session. More information on this at the next meeting.

Conclude:

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Meg KD2DXI and seconded by Jer KD2CXU.

The next meeting for the Thousand Islands Repeater Club will be Wednesday, April 16th at 7 PM at the Depauville Fire Department Banquet Hall.

Submitted respectfully,



Julie K. Covey
Thousand Islands Repeater Club Secretary/Treasurer
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