

Minutes for the 3/20/13 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX, meeting held at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department at 7:13 PM.

Attendees: Will Covey AC2GE (Pres.), Craig Stevenson KC2DTI (VP), Julie Covey KC2ZTG (Secretary & Treas.), Rick Holley W2QJH, Joe Loveland WB2TUP, Joe Burke, AJ0EB. Via Skype – Paul Leary K2PML, Ginny Reid KC2ZBY, 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 \$391.73.

Dues have been paid by 15 members.

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, including some weather related links. Google ads were added in the past month as well.

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 Joe WB2TUP and seconded by Rick W2QJH.

Deadline for the next newsletter was March 15th, but has been extended to March 27th if anyone has any ideas for submissions.

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. Craig KC2DTI will think on a good location.

TIRC is now ARRL affiliated! As of 3/14/13 the Thousand Islands Repeater Club was listed as affiliated with ARRL. Will AC2GE noted many thanks to Tom KF2GC (NNY Section manager) who has checked on it for us.

W5YI testing will be available next Wednesday, March 27, 2013. One possible person testing at this point.

Noted that Joe AJ0EB has been approved by W5YI for VE. Many TIRC members are dual certified with both ARRL and W5YI.

Also noted that Pat WE2A had done a talk about ham radio a few weeks ago, and from that may come some individuals who may want testing.

New Business:

Field Day

1. Tibbetts Point for the location
2. Shelter for Field Day
 - a. Coveys have an easy-up to use, maybe more than one
 - b. Rick W2QJH has a screen tent
3. Radios
 - a. 2 stations, one Get On the Air station and one VHF station
 - b. Will AC2GE said he will bring a wire, Butternut, and a base transceiver. Can also bring the tower trailer.
 - c. Rick W2QJH has an Icom 706 he is willing to bring as well.
 - d. Mentioned previously that Paul WX2PJR had his FT-897D he may be able to bring.
4. Power
 - a. Rick W2QJH also has a generator we can use. He said he would check it out previous to Field Day.
 - b. Mentioned previously that Roger AC2FP also had a generator to use.
5. Logging software
 - a. After some discussion, the motion was made by Rick W2QJH and seconded by Joe WB2TUP to have the club buy the Field Day logging software from N3FJP for \$7. Vote was passed.
6. Refreshments
 - a. Paul WX2PJR was asked about the meals for Field Day.
 - b. Noted there will be lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast and another lunch on Sunday with a few snacks.
 - c. General consensus was that a charge of \$10 should be made per individual for food to cover expenses.
7. Media Relations
 - a. For both Field Day and just to get the word out about the group
 - i. It was noted that someone needs to make this their own.

ii. Rick W2QJH offered to work on a press release. Julie KC2ZTG will work with him on this.

Other new business – suggestion was made to have a special events station at the Highway Legends (automotive event) May 17-19. It may be informal, with just a few members manning a table (with their cars to either side to get attention).

Also may do a station at the Family Fun Day at Dexter Elementary in June. Julie KC2ZTG will check on this more.

Insurance – With the ARRL affiliation, TIRC now qualifies for the liability insurance through ARRL. Julie KC2ZTG noted it is about \$200 per year for the club to be insured through this insurance, much cheaper than through other sources she had checked on previously. Ed KC2HRZ asked if it could be checked on to have it for only 6 months (May through October), since activities rarely take place during the winter months. Julie KC2ZTG will check on this and see if the shorter term can be acquired.

Motion to move forward with attaining the insurance and checking on the availability of a shorter term, was made by Craig KC2DTI and seconded by Joe AJ0EB. Vote passed.

Paul KC2GWT (not at meeting) had talked to Will AC2GE about doing a talk at the Sci Tech Center in Watertown about Ham radio. Will AC2GE is interested and some others showed interest as well. Will have to talk to Paul KC2GWT about this further.

Also mentioned that we should try to get more hams interested, whether by mailing, media, etc. in the club. Some debate as to way to reach people arose, but finally the group came to a conclusion that media would be the most cost effective.

The subject of doing public events was brought up by Joe WB2TUP. Parades, running races, other public events are possibilities. More on this in future.

Craig KC2DTI brought up the idea of doing a Chicken BBQ fundraiser at some point. More will be talked about in the future.

Rick W2QHJ brought to the group the idea of doing an awards program for members contacting other members of the club and for first time contacts. Rick had made sample certificates for everyone to see.

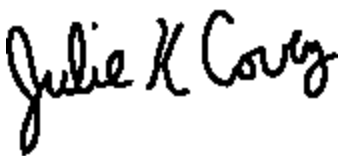
Motion was made to make an awards program with Rick W2QJH as the chairperson for that program. Motion was made by Julie KC2ZTG and seconded by Joe AJ0EB. Vote passed.

Presentation: None at this meeting. Possibly there will be one on digital modes at the next meeting by Joe WB2TUP.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Joe WB2TUP and seconded by Will AC2GE.

The next meeting for the Thousand Islands Repeater Club will be Wednesday, April 17th at 7PM at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department.

Submitted respectfully,



Julie K. Covey
Thousand Islands Repeater Club Secretary/Treasurer
3/21/13