

Minutes for the 5/15/13 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX, meeting held at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department at 7:12 PM.

Attendees: Will Covey AC2GE (Pres.), Craig Stevenson KC2DTI (VP), Julie Covey KC2ZTG (Secretary & Treas.), Jer Stevens KD2CXU, Paul Reape WX2PJR, Ed Eves KC2HRZ, and Maria Covey KD2BXZ (non-voting).

President's Report: Welcome to the meeting. Will AC2GE noted that he, Julie KC2ZTG and Craig KC2DTI had attended the NNYARA meeting on May 4, 2013, held in Gouverneur, NY. Very interesting meeting with much discussed.

Treasurer's Report: Total funds for TIRC in the Watertown Savings Bank checking account come to \$101.86. \$100 was used as the deposit for the use of Tibbetts Point Lighthouse twice this summer and \$8.99 was for the purchase of the N3FJP Field Day logging software. The price on the software had recently jumped from \$7 up to \$8.99. Noted by Will AC2GE that he will send out the code to access the software as an email to those who may be using it for the club for Field Day.

Dues have been paid by 16 members.

Julie KC2ZTG has reorganized the website some to make it easier to navigate.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the last meeting were posted on the TIRC website. Minutes were accepted as written. Proposal to accept the minutes was made by Ed KC2HRZ and seconded by Craig KC2DTI.

The next deadline for the newsletter is June 15th.

Old Business:

The discussion on how to attract more members was reintroduced (hence under Old Business). Much discussion ensued. It was discussed how to attract people interested in the hobby, whether they be hams or do not have their license (as of yet). The Bylaws state that at least 51% must be registered Hams, but that leaves much leeway for others to join. It was discussed that announcements will be put in the local papers, on TV, on Newzjunky and a flier will be composed. We could do some small events to get the name out there as well. It was also brought up that membership is not restricted to just those in NY, but Canadians are just as welcome to come to events and join. A flier will be designed to be handed out with information on upcoming events of the club.

USi was once again a topic. Date of July 20, 2013 with a rain date of July 21, 2013. Set up will be investigated by Craig KC2DTI, with the possible location of the pavilion at TI Park.

Field Day

1. Tibbetts Point for the location – Deposit has been paid, insurance forms have been submitted.
2. List for radios, tents, chairs, tables, etc. is being populated.
3. Refreshments
 - a. Collection of \$10/person will be made prior to field day. Paul would like all monies to purchase food by June 19th. Many have paid, some still need to if they are coming.
4. Media Relations
 - a. Julie KC2ZTG checked on deadlines for the WDT and some local newsletters. Press releases will be going out in the next couple of weeks.

We will do a station at the Family Fun Day at Dexter Elementary on June 14th. Julie KC2ZTG checked on this and confirmed the date. A proposal was submitted and approved by the school/PTA who runs the family fun day. More plans will be organized/finalized in the coming weeks.

New Business:

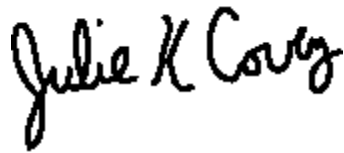
Stemming from the USi event at Wellesley Island was the suggestion for a tailgate/flea market event to enable people to sell their excess equipment and maybe make some money for the club. Suggestion was made to do something surrounding one of the boating events in Clayton this summer.

W5YI testing will be available next Wednesday, May 22, 2013. No one has contacted to test, at this point.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Paul WX2PJR and seconded by Jer KD2CXU.

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

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
5/16/13