

## Minutes for the 6/19/13 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX, meeting held at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department. Meeting began at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Will Covey AC2GE (Pres.), Craig Stevenson W2DTI (VP), Julie Covey KC2ZTG (Secretary & Treas.), Jer Stevens KD2CXU, Paul Reape WX2PJR, Maria Covey K2MJC (non-voting), Rick Holley W2QJH, Meg Mayers KD2DXI, Bill Mayers KD2DXJ, Elaine Barben KC2PNA, Paul Barben Sr. KC2GWT, Peg Eves, Ed Eves KC2HRZ, Christopher Durgan N2ASD (and Christopher's Mom), Joe Loveland WB2TUP, Joe Burke AJ0EB, Bruce Rippeteau AC0ZT

**President's Report:** Welcome to the meeting. Welcome to all! This is a large group, so we all introduced ourselves.

**Treasurer's Report:** Total funds for TIRC in the Watertown Savings Bank checking account come to \$157.69. \$100 is still being held by the Town of Cape Vincent as the deposit for the use of Tibbetts Point Lighthouse twice this summer. Rental for the portapotty for Field Day will be \$91.59. As of the start of the meeting we had \$55 toward the rental. A motion was made to pay for the portapotty from the club reserves, to cover anything donations did not cover. Motion was proposed by Christopher N2ASD, seconded by Paul WX2PJR. By the end of the meeting we had enough donations to cover the cost of the rental. Thanks to all those who helped out with this!

\$.83 has been deposited into the account by Google AdSense as a test. Hopefully the small amount we have made from the ads will be deposited soon. The amount is around \$8.

Dues have been paid by 16 members.

Julie KC2ZTG has done some more tweaks to website, including adding information on radio programming sites.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the last meeting were sent to all members for review. Minutes were accepted as written. Proposal to accept the minutes was made by Joe WB2TUP and seconded by Paul WX2PJR.

The deadline for the newsletter was June 15<sup>th</sup>, but it has been extended due to Field day and the editor's work conflicting with working on it. Anything you might like to include, get it to Julie KC2ZTG ASAP.

## Old Business:

### *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 set.
  - a. Tables – Jer was able to get some from CVFD and TIERS
  - b. Chairs – Bring your own...
  - c. Tents – Will has a 10'x20' tent, and a 10'x10' tent. Rick W2QJH will bring his screen tent.
3. Refreshments
  - a. Collection of \$10/person will be made prior to field day. Paul asked that if you were coming get the money to him ASAP.
4. Media Relations
  - a. News releases have been put in the WDT, Newzjunky, on NPR. We are also listed in the community calendar for these media outlets as well.
  - b. Be sure to mention we are at the Tibbetts Point Lighthouse for Field Day communications!
5. Setup was discussed – where to put what. Some of that will be determined by the conditions (how wet it is..).
6. Many antennas
  - a. Will AC2GE – OCF dipole, Butternut
  - b. Paul WX2PJR – G5RV
  - c. Donated by KK2DOG – Tri-band beam THANKS Mike!
  - d. Christopher N2ASD – wire
7. Many radios – including ones from Paul WX2PJR, Will AC2GE, Rick W2QJH and Bruce AC0ZT.
8. We will have a GOTA station, which was proposed to have Maria K2MJC running it since she is new to ham radio (license just over a year) and her call sign is new (vanity in last two months). Some debate as to what bands this should be on.
9. The Hospitality tent will have ARRL handouts, the banner, and a sign-in/information sheet. There will also be a donation bucket for the Tibbetts Point Lighthouse Historical Society.

10. Some discussion was made of grounding everything. It was noted that the tower trailer will be grounded via the pins that hold the jacks down.
11. A fire pit is available at the site. Will AC2GE will bring wood and a grate for it.
12. Everyone was encouraged to bring what you can think of.

#### *Dexter Family Fun Day*

Julie KC2ZTG, Joe WB2TUP, and Paul KC2GWT did a ham radio demonstration at the Dexter Family Fun day on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Two HF stations were set up with a Loop antenna for one and a Butternut for the other. The third station was a decoding of Morse code for the kids to work on. There were groups of students from grades 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. In half hour increments (which unfortunately were actually shorter than that), we showed the kids everything from making contacts on ECARS, contact with a gentleman from Cuba and with another gentleman from Ohio. The kids enjoyed it, though most came into the demonstration without any prior exposure to the hobby. Parents were there as well and several were interested.

The principal, Hope Ann LoPresti was so enthusiastic about this setup she proposed that maybe we could do the same sort of thing on one of the "lost" days before a vacation. While no dates are set, it is a possibility for the next school year.

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Date of July 20, 2013 with a rain date of July 21, 2013. Craig W2DTI is working on getting the pavilion at Wellesley Island State Park for our activation of the island.

It was also noted that permission has been given to land on and activate 7-8 other islands in the St. Lawrence River. Members were asked to contact the club email if interested so they may be added to a list when some of these other islands may be activated.

#### **New Business:**

W5YI testing will be available next Wednesday, June 26, 2013. No one has contacted to test, at this point.

New members. Christopher N2ASD had applied to become a member. The motion to accept him was proposed by WX2PJR and seconded by WB2TUP. It was unanimous from the group to accept. Congratulations Christopher N2ASD!

Tom and Mary Jane Fulton had also applied to become members. It was noted that they have not come to a club function as of yet. With that, voting on their membership was tabled until they are able to come to a TIRC event.

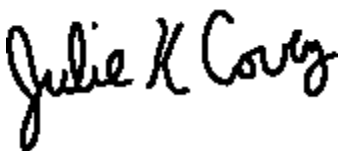
The thought of non-profit status was brought up again. To get this status costs \$400 which the club does not have. Craig W2DTI mentioned that Brad Riendeau was a lawyer in Watertown that we may be able to talk to concerning non-profit status/incorporation.

Ideas were thrown out once again about fundraising for the group (spurred by the non-profit status question). Suggestions for a Chicken BBQ, auction, booster club, trip to ARRL headquarters, other trips were mentioned as well as rummage sales and bake sales. It was suggested by Julie KC2ZTG that everyone in the group to think about their favorite event, and possibilities for joining up with it for fundraising for the group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Joe WB2TUP and seconded by Christopher N2ASD.

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

Submitted respectfully,



Julie K. Covey  
Thousand Islands Repeater Club Secretary/Treasurer  
6/19/13