

Minutes for the 7/16/14 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX, meeting at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department Banquet Hall. Call to order at 7:02PM.

Attendees: Will AC2GE, Rick W2QJH, Julie KC2ZTG, Bill KD2DXJ, Meg KD2DXI, Elaine KC2PNA, Paul KC2GWT, Jer KD2CXU, Craig W2DTI, Chris KD2GUD, John KD2GTZ, and Logan KD2GWN (and his mom, Jen).

President's Report: Welcome to the meeting. Field day went well. The Clayton Rec Center would be happy to have us back.

Treasurer's Report: Total funds for TIRC in the Watertown Savings Bank checking account as of this meeting are \$796.10 in the account. No deposits or withdrawals this past month. There is also \$50 to be deposited from dues, so total equals \$846.70.

There are 23 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 Meg KD2DXI, seconded by Jer KD2CXU. Motion passes.

Website has been updated to better show on mobile devices. Previous format made viewing difficult due to the columns. This has now been adjusted.

Old Business:

Fundraising – Summer is a busy time of year. Maybe in the Fall it could be done in combination with some other event?

The thought is that maybe a hamfest or tailgate event could take place. With that question came the question as to how the RAGS hamfest went last weekend. Logan KD2GWN went and said it was good. There is also one near Illion this week.

NNYARA picnic - will be 8/2/14 at Long Lake. Swapmeet will start at 10AM with the picnic running from 11AM to 2PM. A grill will be available. Bring a dish to pass, utensils, and drink. All hams are welcome. More information may be found at www.nnyara.net.

Field Day – Overall it went well. Following are a few thoughts...

- Laptops need to have logging programs networked together. Maybe meet before Field Day to set this up next year. Chris KD2GUD may have some input on this.
- Food – instead of one person doing all the work it has been suggested by several that we have meals as bring a dish to pass, or have different people volunteer to do different meals. Paul WX2PJR does an awesome job, but it was generally agreed that it is too much to ask of one person to do all meals throughout the weekend.
- Need a way to block sun from coming into the tent where the stations are set up without blocking the breeze.
- Perhaps have separate tents for stations or at least some way to separate them. It was hard to hear at times with three setups in one tent.
- Two or three setups next year? It was debated. To be discussed further at a later time.

It was also asked if there were events, other than Field Day, that do this type of contest. NY QSO party and other events go on throughout the year, but nothing is really like ARRL Field Day.

New Business:

ILLW – Will AC2GE cannot do it this year and the rest of the club did not want to do it in ones and twos. So we will not activate Tibbets Point Lighthouse this year.

USIsl – Thoughts are to maybe activate an island or two after Labor Day when things calm down and the weather is still good. Grindstone Island, by setting up at Canoe Pt., was suggested.

On presentations – The newer hams made the suggestion of having building sessions at the end of the meetings. This was met with enthusiasm. Bill KD2DXJ has a simple and interesting 2M antenna that he or Meg KD2DXI will send the parts list to Julie KC2ZTG or Will AC2GE to distribute to the group before next time. Will AC2GE has the twin lead wire, but other parts will have to be purchased by the ones interested in doing the project. Good idea!!

General Class – Once again the question of doing a class for those interested in taking their General Exam was presented. The thought is that it is cheaper and easier to go through the ARRL book with the CD or the Gordon West book and then maybe ask questions. Maybe a class for questions on the air could be done on one of the repeaters, like a net to learn.

New applicants – Three new applicants for the club tonight. Chris KD2GUD, John KD2GTZ, and Logan KD2GWN handed in their applications.

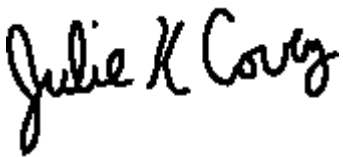
Student price – Craig W2DTI made the motion to change the Bylaws to incorporate a student rate. This was seconded by Rick W2QJH. It was suggested to make the amount \$10. This will be discussed and voted upon at the August meeting.

Conclude:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM. Motion to adjourn made by Jer KD2CXU and seconded by Craig W2DTI

The next meeting for the Thousand Islands Repeater Club is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20th 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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