

Minutes for the 7/17/13 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX, meeting held at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall. Meeting began at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Will Covey AC2GE (Pres.), Craig Stevenson W2DTI (VP) (came and left), Julie Covey KC2ZTG (Secretary & Treas.), Paul Reape WX2PJR (via Skype), Maria Covey K2MJC (non-voting), Rick Holley W2QJH, Elaine Barben KC2PNA, Paul Barben Sr. KC2GWT, Peg Eves, Ed Eves KC2HRZ, and Edgar KB2KHR.

President's Report: Welcome to the meeting. Welcome to all!

Field Day summary - Good Field Day overall. We had good publicity by the WDT and YNN. The YNN piece was seen far and wide with people from as far away as St. Lawrence County and down to Cortland seeing it. Overall it put a positive light on Ham radio.

The setup was good – we managed to stay dry, mostly. It may be better to use the screen tent for food, not radios, next time. Rick's generator had issues towards the end, which he is now looking into, but overall did not use much gas (about 6 gallons). The suggestion was made to maybe use more in the way of battery and solar power next year, with the thought towards gel batteries and only small use of the generator.

Where should we set up next year? There were some issues this year, including the portapotty we had to rent for facilities.

Other options for locations include the Clayton Rec Center, Thompson Park, and Stone Mills.

Treasurer's Report: Total funds for TIRC in the Watertown Savings Bank checking account come to \$146.11. \$100 is still being held by the Town of Cape Vincent as the deposit for the use of Tibbetts Point Lighthouse for the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend in August. Rental for the portapotty for Field Day has been paid to Busler Construction and Sanitation in the amount of \$91.58. Donations made covered the cost.

Joe WB2TUP has donated a portion of what he makes from the sale of name tags to the club. That amount was \$6 from two name tags.

Signs (11"x17") have been printed and laminated for the amount of \$8.58. Will and Julie have been reimbursed the amount of \$6 for that purchase. This purchase was approved via email vote by membership, to appropriate up to \$25 of club funds to buy materials to make the signs. It was noted that the amount may be less than \$25 used. That will be the highest amount spent. This was approved 10 votes YES to 1 vote NO.

Dues have been paid by 16 members (17 by the end of the meeting). Still owed by one member.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made by Rick W2QJH and seconded by Paul KC2GWT.

Julie KC2ZTG has done some more tweaks to website, including adding information on radio programming sites and updating information on our summer events.

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 Ed KC2HRZ and seconded by Paul KC2GWT.

The deadline for the newsletter was September 25th, 2013. This will be a Fall/Winter Newsletter. Anything you might like to include, get it to Julie KC2ZTG.

Old Business:

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Date of July 20, 2013 we will be set up at Wellesley Island State Park. It will be \$7/car to get into the park, but that includes all things in the park.

Dinner will be at 4PM. We will be having spaghetti and meatballs at a cost of \$5 per person. Please bring your own drink and chair. Coveys will buy the pasta, sauce, meatballs, plates and utensils, with any extras being saved for future events. Ed KC2HRZ will bring a propane stove and Rick W2QJH will bring the propane for the stove. We can use picnic tables there and we will also bring three 5' tables (one Covey's and two provided by Paul KC2GWT and Elaine KC2PNA). Several people, including Rick W2QJH and Peg mentioned they have cooking supplies and are willing to bring them.

Fundraising

The issue of fundraising was brought up once again. The suggestion was made to have a rummage/garage sale for members to donate items and the proceeds go to the club. It was mentioned that an auction format was done in the past by Ernie, but it was not known how successful that really was.

It was also mentioned that the owner of the Black River Drive In is a Ham and may be interested in holding an event here. Will AC2GE will be talking with him and investigating it further.

Overall this was tabled for now to be discussed further at a future date.

New Business:

Boilermaker – Rick W2QJH helped out with the 5 mile marker water station at the Boilermaker in Utica on July 13, 2013. He was told before the race that “nothing happens at that point in the race...” Unfortunately, that was not the case. A runner came in fairly early on, not feeling well and started having an asthma attack. There was no EMT at this station, so Rick called for medical to come. While assisting another person to help her to the side she started having the attack. An ambulance was sent, but it had to cross the race to get to their position and took a fair amount of time to get there also having trouble finding their location. Rick has not heard anything further and has to assume she is OK. Overall it was quite an experience. The Boilermaker has a total of around 14000 runners and about 5000 volunteers, so it is quite a production. Rick said that his experience overall was a good one and he would go back next year. If anyone else is interested, please talk to Rick about his experience and who to contact to help.

It was also brought up by Ed KC2HRZ to ask if the antenna for the 146.76 could get any higher. Will AC2GE mentioned that other options are being looked into. The only issue could be that 146.76 is a common frequency and a higher location might lead to more intermod issues, so other things may have to change.

New members. Tom & Mary Jane Fulton had applied to become members and were able to attend the club function at Field Day. Their membership was approved unanimously.

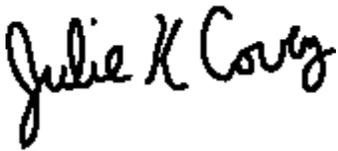
Edgar KB2KHR had also applied to become a member. Edgar attended Field Day and has been at a couple of other events. Ed noted that due to his association and position with JCRAC, he would not be able to hold any offices with TIRC. This was duly noted. Edgar's membership was passed with all but one present approving it and one member abstaining.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Paul KC2GWT and seconded by Will AC2GE.

W5YI testing will be available next Wednesday, July 24, 2013. No one has contacted to test, at this point.

The next meeting for the Thousand Islands Repeater Club will be Wednesday, August 21 at 7PM at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department Banquet Hall.

Submitted respectfully,



Julie K. Covey
Thousand Islands Repeater Club Secretary/Treasurer
7/18/13