

## Minutes for the 8/20/14 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX, meeting at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department Banquet Hall. Call to order at 7:12 PM, starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendees:** Will AC2GE, Rick W2QJH, Julie KC2ZTG, Bill KD2DXJ, Meg KD2DXI, Craig W2DTI, Chris KD2GUD, Laura KD2GUE, George KD2GUB, John KD2GTZ, Maria K2MJC (non-voting), Logan KD2GWN (non-voting) and Tim KC2SKG.

**President's Report:** Welcome to the meeting. Haven't done much radiowise in the past month, but things are coming up.

**Treasurer's Report:** Total funds for TIRC in the Watertown Savings Bank checking account as of this meeting are \$728.80 in Checking. \$50 is in hand, so \$778.80 total.

Had a withdrawal of \$67.90 to pay for 2 years of web address.

Dues paid. All 23 members' dues are paid.

**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 Rick W2QJH. Motion passes.

The issue of a newsletter was discussed. Julie KC2ZTG has not had time to put one together due to her work schedule. It was noted that all items that would appear in the newsletter already appear on the website. At this time the newsletter is suspended. Any suggestions on additions to the website, please send them to Julie KC2ZTG.

### Old Business:

*Club 440 repeater* - is up and running well. The link is made every morning to the Fine 147.135 repeater to extend the range of the Rooster Roster. Codes to change the link were shown and any club member may have them. Also of note the Fine 440 repeater is up and running with the antenna much higher on the tower, thanks to work done last weekend. Put 442.025 pl 151.4 into your radios as well.

*Student membership* - it was brought up at the last meeting that there should be a student membership of \$10 for any full time student to join TIRC. Vote was unanimous for this to pass.

### New Business:

*Battery for club 440* - it was asked that an additional battery be purchased, using club funds, to help keep the 440 repeater and link radio going. Will AC2GE & Julie KC2ZTG purchased 4 31DTMAGM AGM batteries last December to power the 2m 147.030 repeater, but think an additional battery to make sure the 440 repeater and link radio are powered would be a good idea. Craig W2DTI made the motion to allow purchase of one battery for approximately \$200 (tax and core charge on top of \$179.82 price). Rick W2QJH seconded this. Motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. It will be purchased in the next few weeks.

*Island activation* - Craig W2DTI has the boat. This could be done almost any weekend. Contact Craig W2DTI with possible sites.

*Pending memberships* - New applications came in from 5 people. Chris KD2GUD, Laura KD2GUE, George KD2GUB, John KD2GTZ, and Logan KD2GWN (student, non-voting) all have applied for membership. Vote by the current members was unanimous. Welcome all to the club!

*Topics from the membership* - The question of having a General class arose again. It is not known if Joe WB2TUP would be willing. Meg KD2DXI made the suggestion of those wanting to study for it get the Gordon West book, which is available through [W5YI.org](http://W5YI.org) and even through Amazon. CD's for studying are also available.

It was also asked if there was a way to get the hobby/club out to the public better. It was mentioned about the presentation done a couple of years ago to the 4-6 grade classes at Dexter. Also asked was if fliers were available that talk about ham radio. We have a few and others can be procured through ARRL. Also mentioned was the event the Boy Scouts would be having the last full weekend in September as a possible location for a demonstration.

Bill KD2DXJ made some contacts during the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW) this past weekend. Maybe we can do it next year.

Meg KD2DXI made the suggestion of a presentation on QSL cards and digital means as well (eQSL, etc.). Good thought!

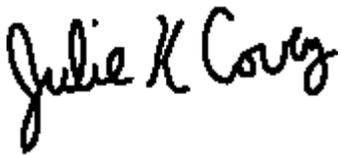
Presentation/project: Members put together a twin lead 2m J-pole antenna after the meeting is adjourned.

**Conclude:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM. Motion to adjourn made by Meg KD2DXI, seconded by Chris KD2GUD.

The next meeting for the Thousand Islands Repeater Club is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17 at 7 PM.

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  
8/20/14