

Minutes for the 8/21/13 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX, meeting held at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall. Meeting began at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Will Covey AC2GE (Pres.), Craig Stevenson W2DTI (VP), Julie Covey KC2ZTG (Secretary & Treasurer), Meg KD2DXI, Bill KD2DXJ, Ed KC2HRZ, Jer KD2CXU, Rick W2QJH, Elaine KC2PNA, Paul KC2GWT, and Joe WB2TUP.

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

Wellesley Island activation on July 20, 2013 – Storms on Friday night put a damper on those that were camping at the State Park, but a good day on Saturday helped. Overall 16 contacts were made with a single set up of a HF rig, Butternut and solar/battery power. A spaghetti dinner was held for those who attended.

International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend on August 17, 2013 – A beautiful day with sunshine and a light wind off the lake. We made 54 contacts with as many as 15 hams (that we know of) attending. Contacts were made into as far away as Europe and as close as local. We also went into the Dakotas and Georgia and Florida. The Hostel at Tibbetts Point held a spaghetti dinner which many of the ILLW participants also donated a canned good and gave the donation of \$5/adult to have a good dinner.

Treasurer's Report: Total funds for TIRC in the Watertown Savings Bank checking account come to \$286.11. \$100 was returned (voided check) by the Town of Cape Vincent from the deposit for the use of Tibbetts Point Lighthouse for the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend in August. \$40 was made on the Spaghetti Dinner at the activation of Wellesley Island. Supplies, totaling about \$45 were donated by the Covey family (offset the cost of dinner and then some.)

Dues have been paid by 19 members. One member, Christopher N2ASD withdrew his membership, as he had only joined so he could do Field Day activities. Dues were never paid.

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

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 Joe WB2TUP 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. It was noted by Joe WB2TUP that he had sent Julie KC2ZTG emails for hams in Jefferson County and soon for St. Lawrence County. Julie KC2ZTG noted that she would notify those she knows in each county that the newsletter was coming, so as to not annoy anyone.

Old Business:

USisl – Craig will be looking into activating Rock Island Light (will investigate in the next week or so). Possibly other islands as well.

K2P – Will be at Kring Point State Park on September 14th with the group camping there the week before and after that date.

ILLW – most information was given in the President's Report.

255 update – Joe WB2TUP gave an update on the fundraising for the 147.255. As of this date, \$356 dollars has been collected. Joe has also submitted some grant applications that may cover the full cost. Net controls for the Rooster Roster will check the repeater each morning for check-ins, but are running the net on the Fine 147.135 repeater. The repeater will be crackly at first, but then clears up a bit.

New Business:

Suggested by Joe WB2TUP to record net operations to QST magazine to give more exposure to our nets. It will be looked into.

NYQSO party – 12 hour contest. Will AC2GE offered to run a setup at our house, due to weather conditions in October.

New members. Meg KD2DXI and Bill KD2DXJ Mayers applied to become members. They have attended several TIRC events (Field Day, ILLW) and meetings. Their membership was approved unanimously. Dues have been paid.

Debate on where to have Field Day next year – Suggestions include Tibbetts Point again, Sackets Harbor Battlefield, Thompson Park.. Jer KD2CXU said he has connections (grandmother) and will check on Sackets Harbor, Rick W2QJH said he will check on Thompson Park. May not do Tibbetts Point again (for Field Day) due to difficulty with bathrooms and their dislike of people staying overnight on sight.

Nominations: - The slate of nominations to be voted on at the September meeting include: Will AC2GE (President), Craig W2DTI (Vice President), Julie KC2ZTG (Secretary/Treasurer).

The subject of a Board of Directors was also brought up. Craig W2DTI said he will look into what other groups have done for such a small group.

Julie KC2ZTG had talked with Larry, our contact for use of the Depauville Firehall. He thought we were paying for each meeting. Julie thought it was to be free after it was approved by the fire department (paid for first two months – August & September 2012). Julie will look up the official letter that was sent and get a copy to Larry and anyone else who needs it.

The November 2013 meeting will be changed to the SECOND Wednesday of the month due to multiple conflicts on the third Wednesday of the month. The motion to move the meeting to the second Wednesday of November, either at the Depauville Firehall or on the air (146.76 repeater) was made by Meg KD2DXI and seconded by Julie KC2ZTG.

Rick W2QJH made the suggestion that TIRC join the Fists Club and SKCC Club. Membership would be free, unless we want the Fists Club newsletter – that is \$15 per year. With this membership, TIRC could get and give gold points and such for those who are also members of the clubs. Lots of info on CW is available with these clubs. Both are free membership. Motion was made by Rick W2QJH, and second by Will AC2GE to have TIRC join these clubs (Rick had the paperwork to do so). Motion passed.

Also noted that Joe WB2TUP has CD's for CW, for those who may be interested.

The comment had been made that TIRC needed a general QSL card. Julie KC2ZTG worked on a rough draft. Comments were made to include logos for Fists Club and SKCC Club. Need to include the address for the club as well. Julie will work on other revision(s) and will email them to club members for comment.

Also noted that the club has eQSL as well.

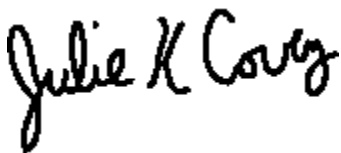
Jer KD2CXU noted that people are taking notice of the Thousand Islands Repeater Club and Ham radio in general. This has happened through articles (newspaper and television).

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Paul KC2GWT and seconded by Elaine KC2PNA.

W5YI testing will be available next Wednesday, August 28, 2013. No one has contacted to test, at this point.

The next meeting for the Thousand Islands Repeater Club will be Wednesday, September 18th at 7PM at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department Banquet Hall.

Submitted respectfully,



Julie K. Covey
Thousand Islands Repeater Club Secretary/Treasurer
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