

Minutes from the 9/19/12 meeting

Thousand Islands Repeater Club KD2CPX at the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department at 7pm.

Attendees: Will Covey AC2GE (Pres.), Craig Stevenson KC2DTI (VP), Julie Covey KC2ZTG (Secretary & Treas.), Wesley Covey, Maria Covey KD2BXZ, Dawn Covey KC2ZWN, Roger Covey AC2FP, Paul Reape WX2PJR, Paul Leary K2PML, Paul Barben Sr. KC2GWT, Elaine Barben KC2PNA, Ginny (Virginia) Reid KC2ZBY, Joe Burke KC2WND.

Introduction: After the Pledge of Allegiance, TIRC president Will Covey spoke to the membership on why a new club for the North Country was started. He stated that history can be a good thing, but it can also be bad and for some there is too much history with the other organizations of the area. The goal of the TIRC is to have fun with amateur radio. Events are never a requirement, but something that members should choose what they want to participate in without feeling that they should participate in.

President's Report: As an extension of the Introduction, TIRC Pres. Will Covey continued to describe what is thought to be the description of the Thousand Islands Repeater Club. Basically it is a group of hams who wish to form a group to play ham radio and learn from each other. Actions of the club will be determined by the club, not just by a select few individuals.

Treasurer's Report: As of the meeting, TIRC Secretary/Treasurer Julie Covey told those assembled that at the present, the club has \$0. Items such as 125 Euro Club stickers, a 2'x6' banner, the web site name and paper for printing QSL cards have been purchased by individuals for the club in the past few months. The totals are as follows:

Amount	Item	Purchased from	Date
\$110.94	125 oval euro stickers	Customized stickers	8/23/12
\$80.81	2'x6' banner	AVL Signs & Graphics	8/14/12
\$10.99	Matte 2-sided paper for ILLW QSL cards	Ebay	9/7/12
\$67.90	TIRC web address – 2 yrs	Weebly	9/3/12
\$270.64	Money out of members pockets		

Other potential expenses include the web address in 2 years, deposit(s) to use Tibbetts Point Lighthouse for events, QSL cards for replies to others for the events, and insurance for the club. More on the insurance in the Secretary's Report.

Dues will not be collected as of 2012, but will be begun as of the 2013 calendar year.

Secretary's Report: No minutes to report as this is the first meeting of TIRC.

The newsletter, also put together by Julie, will be a quarterly item. Next submissions for the newsletter are due November 30th, 2012 to go into the Winter edition of the TIRC newsletter.

The idea of affiliation with ARRL was also brought up. One major benefit is the fact club insurance may be acquired at a lower rate through the company associated with the ARRL for about \$200 annually. Motion was made by Roger and seconded by Craig to approve the Secretary to go ahead with applying for affiliation with ARRL.

New Business: Pending applications – there is one pending application, that of Joe Burke KC2WND. It will be considered at the October meeting.

It was determined by the attending membership that the third Wednesday of the month worked well for most and the location of the Depauville Volunteer Fire Department was excellent. It was also noted that some meetings in the winter months may be conducted on the air in order to still have a meeting, though certain aspects of a meeting may have to be put off until an in-person meeting took place (ie. Approval of applications).

Repeaters in the North Country – the 146.76 AC2GE repeater is working well at it's new location as of April of 2012. No issues as of this time. The 147.255 repeater, located up near Copenhagen may need some assistance at some point in the near future. The trustees of that repeater may need help moving the repeater building and moving in new hardware for the 147.255 repeater. President Will Covey said he and his family will be helping. All those that wish to help are encouraged, but by no means required to do so.

Jamboree on the Air for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be the weekend of October 20-21. We will be setting up stations at the Covey Dome (26395 State Route 180, Dexter, NY) on that Saturday for kids from Girl Scout Troop 50113 and a Weeblos troop from Dexter to participate. As of 9/19/12 exact numbers of scouts who wished to participate were not know.

As for ARRL field day, June 22-23, 2013, it is possible we may use Tibbetts Point Lighthouse again as we did for ILLW (see next paragraph).

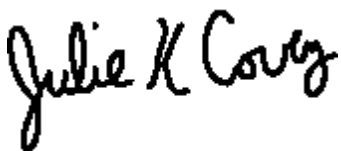
TIRC would like to participate in the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW) again next year. It will be held August 17 & 18, 2013. There was much encouragement from the Hostel at Tibbetts Point and the Town of Cape Vincent for the group to return next year. It was a lot of fun for the participants and those that stopped by this year on August 18, 2012.

Also suggested by VP Craig – possibility of doing an Islands on the Air (IOTA). It involves some paperwork to register the island to be transmitting from, but other than that it is relatively straight forward on going to an island, setup and transmit. Craig has means of getting people and supplies out to the islands.

Presentation: Indoor Delta Loop – Pres. Will Covey showed those assembled an indoor Delta Loop he had made. Several hams in the area live in apartments where external antennas are not allowed, making it difficult to receive and transmit from their apartments. The only issue Will found was that with the wire he used (speaker wire) he had to shorten the legs of the antenna considerably from the length given in the plans to make it work well on 2m frequencies. The plans for this antenna were posted in the Fall newsletter.

The next meeting for the Thousand Islands Repeater Club will be Wednesday, October 17th at 7pm.

Submitted respectfully,



Julie K. Covey
Thousand Islands Repeater Club Secretary/Treasurer
9/21/12