

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — January 17, 2012

Location: *Town of Oyster Ice Skating Center*, Community Room 1, Bethpage, N.Y.

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of January 17th at 8:15 PM, after a brief socializing period. John wished the membership a very happy New Year and hoped that 2012 would show a major increase in good DX conditions. Members present included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Tom, KA2D; Ed, K2MFY; Bob, N2DXJ and XYL, Tanis; Karen, W2ABK; and OM, Bruce; Marv, W2FGD; Art, N2KA; Mike, N2YBB; Frank, N2FF; Woody, K2UU; and guests Frank, K2PWG; Bob, N2DET; and Bob, W2II.

OLD BUSINESS

- Members discussed the continued good conditions. DX is prevalent on the HF bands although the solar flux index has dropped somewhat from the highs of the past few months.
- The DXpedition to Malpelo Island, as HKØNA, has just started up with operation from four advance team members whose main purpose is to set up the radios, antennas, infrastructure and campsites. The expected dates of the main operation will be January 21 through February 6, 2012. It is expected that there will finally be eight Columbian and four international operators. Further information is on their site: <http://hk0na.com/>.
- The station from Ethiopia, ET3SID, has reported to be quite active on the bands.
- Operators HA5UK and HA5AO are currently active from the Pacific Nauru Island as C21HA. They should be on the HF Bands from January 10 through February 6.
- Since the joint Russian/Finnish 50-year lease over the DXCC entity of Malyj Vysotski Island (MV Island) (DXCC prefix R1MV) will be ending shortly, it is expected that this “country” will be moved to the deleted list. Also, due to environmental conditions, there may be difficulties to operate from the Norwegian island of Jan Mayen (JX).

Starting the business portion of tonight’s meeting was the approval of the November 15, 2011 meeting minutes. These minutes were accepted as presented. In addition, the minutes were prepared in advance by the LIDXA Secretary, Ed, K2MFY, and sent out to the membership with the January meeting notice. Thanks to the efforts of KE2LJ, Pat, the minutes appear in the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

John, W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s report. Members were reminded that dues (in the amount of \$25) for the year 2012 are expected. John suggested that members give or mail him their dues at the earliest convenience.

Ed mentioned that we had a good turnout at the club’s annual Holiday party held at the *Star Diner* in Hicksville on Tuesday night, December 13, 2011. Ed said that a total of 15 member/guests attended this dinner. A picture of the group in the diner has been posted on the club’s website.

Members W2FGD, K2MFY, and W2GW participated in the DX Forum program at the 13th annual "Ham Radio University" on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at *Briarcliffe College*. Both of the DX sessions were very well attended. The second session was enhanced by Bill, W2UDT, of the North Jersey DX Association, on the operation of the ARRL W2 QSL Bureau.

Tom, KA2D, the HRU 2012 Chairman, indicated that this year's turnout exceeded 400 attendees. Tom also presented the three LIDXA presenters with certificates and official HRU 2012 coffee mugs.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank, N2FF, and Tom, KA2D, mentioned that they were passing around a couple of albums that had the DXCC QSL cards of W2AX, Larry Amodeo. Larry, a recent silent key, had 381 DXCC entities confirmed. Besides operation from many DX locations and participating in a number of DXpeditions, he was an active member of YCCC and the Order of Boiled Owls of New York (OBONY).

To preserve his QSL memories, OBONY members N2FF and KA2D are scanning in his QSL card album collection. When the work has been completed, the contents of all the albums can be viewed on the site: <http://obony.org/w2ax-qsl-card-collection/>. Also Frank and Tom explained the history of the OBONY.

Marv, W2FGD, reminded the membership to check-in at the LIDXA weekly nets on Sunday night at 9 PM local time on the Grumman Hauppauge repeater at 145.330/144.730 MHz (with 136.5 Hz PL), to get the latest information on club matters and events.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the 2007 DXpedition to Scarborough Reef.

This meeting concluded at around 10 PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next meeting of the LIDXA is scheduled for Tuesday February 21.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY