

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —January 15, 2013

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, welcomed the membership to our first meeting of the New Year. He then called to order the meeting of January 15th, 2013 at 8:20 PM, after a brief socializing period. Members present included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Bob, N2DXJ, and XYL Tanis; Ed, K2MFY; Aaron, WC2C; Tom, KA2D; and guest Ritchie, KB2ZPB.

### OLD BUSINESS

- DX discussion centered on the fair propagation conditions. The solar flux numbers have been rising and then falling; unfortunately the current propagation does not support reliable propagation on 10 and 12 meters. Concern was raised that perhaps the peak of the present sunspot cycle 24 (expected late next year) will be much less than the previous cycles.
- The station Z6/S52DD has been very active from the Republic of Kosovo. The DXCC committee has not yet recognized this entity as a valid country...
- A DXpedition to Rwanda by SM6CPY is expected to be operational towards the end of January.
- Several Japanese stations have been heard operating from Minami Torishima (JD1/M) and Ogasawara (JD1/O).
- There are plans to have a DXpedition to Temotu Island operational in March 2013.
- A new DXpedition is in the works to Clipperton Island for late February through mid-March 2013. The callsign assigned is TX5K. Further details can be found at <http://www.cordell.org/CI/>.

### OLD BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the November 20th 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 also presented the Treasurer's report. The (\$25) dues for the year 2013 is expected in the beginning of the New Year. To date John had received dues from about one dozen members.

There was no LIDXA meeting in December since we held our annual Holiday Party at the *Star Diner* in Hicksville. About fifteen members and guests attended this fun-filled dinner.

Tom, KA2D, spoke on the recent annual "Ham Radio University" held on Sunday, January 6, 2013 at *Briarcliffe College*. Members W2GW and K2MFY presented the LIDXA DX Forum. The full attendance at the LIDXA one-hour presentation showed that this topic is still of major interest to the amateur radio community. Ed indicated that later in the afternoon he attended the new HRU workshop on "Digital Interfacing," and found that the presentation and hands-on activities by Neil Heft, KC2KY, to be very informative.

One the attendees from HRU decided to come down to tonight's LIDXA meeting and join the club. The club welcomed new member Ritchie Fisher, KB2ZPB, into the membership.

A general discussion continued from our last meeting on the recent "Super Storm, Sandy" in the metropolitan area. Most members indicated that they had power outages for only a few hours and also up to ten days. Fortunately there were no devastating flood/personal injury damages reported, although a few members did have antenna and equipment damages.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ed indicated he had heard recently that ex-LIDXA member (and past Corresponding Secretary), Marty Smith, KA2NRR, had passed away after a long illness.

It was reported that the USPS will be phasing out the sale of IRCs after January 27, 2013. However they can still be used for exchange with foreign countries until the end of 2013. So if you have any IRCs be sure to send them to the DX stations during this year! Also the new postal rates will be going in effect after January 27. First class postage will rise one cent to 46 cents and Air Mail will rise to \$1.10. Besides *Forever* First Class stamps, this year the USPS will offer *Forever* Airmail stamps. So buy now to save some cash.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the Italian DXpedition to Somalia (as 6OØCW) in May 2012.

This meeting concluded at around 9:40PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next scheduled meeting is for February 19, 2013.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary