

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — January 20, 2015

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 20, 2015 at 8:20PM after a brief socializing period, and welcomed back everyone to the New Year. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Rich, KB2ZPB; Karen, W2ABK; Bob, W2PNJ; Warren, W2WGG; Ken, KC2YRJ; Woody, K2UU; Art, N2KA; and guests Jack, NU2Q and Adrian, KO8SOA.

OLD BUSINESS

Members reported that radio conditions have been variable and given rise to noisy and unsettling propagation. Considering that we are supposed to be around the peak of the present sunspot cycle #24, it was hoping that conditions would improve as we enter the winter season.

Some of the following DX was reported:

- Several members discussed the forthcoming DXpedition to Navassa Island (KP1), off the west coast of Haiti in the Caribbean Sea. The last DXpedition was back in 1993. Further details are covered on the site <http://kp1-5.com>. One of the team members is Lou, N2TU, an ex-member of the LIDXA. The group expects to be on Navassa for about two weeks.
- There is presently a DXpedition by the Rockhall DX Group to Kish Island (IOTA AS-166), off the coast of Iran. Their callsign is EP6T. Propagation has been very spotty to the East Coast of the USA.
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- Quite a number of members have reported working the station C5X. This DXpedition is handled by a group of UK DXers who are operating from Ocean Villa Heights Lodge, on the coast at Brufut, southwest of Banjul, Gambia.
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- Also reported was FJ/N9SW, operating on quite a number of bands from the island of Saint Barthélemy.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the November 18 meeting minutes. These minutes were accepted as issued. In addition the minutes were prepared in advance by the LIDXA Secretary, Ed, K2MFY, and sent out to the membership with the January meeting announcement. 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 2015 are expected. John suggested that members give or mail him their dues at their earliest convenience. In this regards about half the present membership had already paid John their 2015 dues.

The club discussed the Annual Holiday Party which was held in lieu of a December meeting, on Monday night December 29, after the Christmas holiday. Due to a kitchen fire at the planned venue at *DJ's International Buffet* in Garden City, the party was held at *Rosemarie's Restaurant* in Farmingdale. On Monday nights *Rosemarie's Restaurant* has a special \$9.95 pasta dinner. The party was a great success and about 20 members and guests attended the event.

Tom, KA2D, spoke on the 16th annual “*Ham Radio University*” held on Sunday, January 4, 2015 at *Briarcliffe College*. Members W2GW and K2MFY were presenters for the two-hour LIDXA DX forum. Also Bill, W2UDT, from the NJDXA, highlighted a summary of the W2 QSL bureau. Keynote Speaker at the University was Mike Corey, KI1U, ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager. Further details from HRU 2015 can be found on www.HamRadioUniversity.org.

John indicated that a major DXpeditions to Chesterfield Island is expected to becoming up in early October. The tentative callsign is TX3X. (See further details at:

(http://chesterfield2015.pdxg.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=featured&Itemid=101)

One of the members of this multi-national group is past LIDXA member Les, W2LK, who is the DXpedition co-leader. John suggested a \$100 donation to this DXpedition. After a brief discussion, the club decided to approve the expenditure. John said he would send out the funds to the appropriate source.

Ed mentioned that a few weeks ago he had received about 35 QSL cards from most of the operations by Vlad, UA4WHX, and other DX contacts for which Vlad is QSL manager. The turnaround time was almost one year, but Vlad is reliable and does answer all e-mails sent to his address in Russia.

John then had a little “Show & Tell” for a couple of QRP kits that he had just assembled. He offered to assemble other small kits that members had bought but not yet put together.

At the conclusion of this meeting the two guests Jack, NU2Q and Adrian, KO8SOA, filled out the membership forms and joined the club. All members welcomed the new club members.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the 2009 DXpedition to Desecheo Island as K5D.

This meeting concluded at around 10:00PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished.

The next meeting of the LIDXA is scheduled for Tuesday February 20, 2015. This will be a joint meeting with members of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC).

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary