

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —January 19, 2016

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 19, 2016 at 8:10PM after a brief socializing period and welcomed back everyone to the first meeting of the New Year. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Rich, KB2ZPB; Steve, N2AJ; Adrian, KO8SCA; Rick, K2RB; Bob, W2OSR; Art, N2KA; Jack, NU2Q; Karen, W2ABK; Bob, W2PNJ, and guest Gary, KD2IBQ, with friend Mike.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was mentioned:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the last month. The solar flux numbers have gone down accompanied with noisy conditions and several flares causing blackouts.
- Several members reported working the K5P DXpedition to Palmyra Atoll in the Pacific Ocean. This operation plans to continue until January 26. QSL via the OQRS route.
- Shortly coming up will be the DXpeditions to South Sandwich Island (VP8STI) from January 18-29, and then from South Georgia Island (VP8SGI) expected from February 1-10. They should finish operations as VP8IDX from the Falklands Islands, February 14-19.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the November 17, 2015 meeting minutes. (There was no meeting in December—just the holiday dinner.) 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 our webmaster Pat, KE2LJ, the minutes appear on the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

John W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The current membership totals are up to 31 members. Twelve members have paid up their 2016 dues. John reminded all members to send him their dues by mail or in person at the next meeting (\$25 due in the early part of 2016).

Ed spoke about the club holiday party which was held Tuesday December 15, 2015 at *Rosemarie's Restaurant* in Farmingdale. On Tuesday nights *Rosemarie's Restaurant* has a special seafood dinner which most members ordered. The party was a great success and 18 members and guests attended the event. A photograph of attendees has been placed on the club website at <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa/>.

John spoke about the club's participation in the January 10, 17th annual "*Ham Radio University*" at *Briarcliffe College*. The HRU featured 30 forums and three workshops. Keynote speaker was Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, ARRL Chief Executive Officer. As in past years, the club hosted the DX Forum with W2GW and K2MFY as presenters for the two-hour program. Also Bill, W2UDT, from the NJDXA, highlighted a summary of the operations of the W2 QSL bureau.

Ed passed around a newspaper article on HRU that appeared the following day in *Newsday*. Some members also reported seeing some of the coverage of the event on the Channel 12 news in the evening.

A discussion ensued on the validity of Dom, 3Z5DX, brief operation from North Korea as P5/3Z5DX. It was felt the ARRL DXCC would be the only authority to review his documentation and make the final decision.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John intended on showing the new DVD of the February 2015 Navassa Island DXpedition as K1N; however he forgot to bring the video. This will be shown at a later meeting. Instead the club saw a DVD on the January 2007 DXpedition to the Sovereign Order of Malta (SMOM), as 1A4A.

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

The club was reminded that due to room scheduling conflicts in February with the *Town of Oyster Bay*, the next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on the fourth Tuesday in February, on Tuesday February 23, 2016.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary