

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — January 17, 2017

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 17, 2017 at 8:20PM 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; Art, N2KA; Karen, W2ABK; Bob, K2TV; and guest/ex-member Walt, W2TE.

### OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was mentioned:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the last few months. The sun is almost spotless as we approach a sunspot minimum. Most DX activity is on the low bands, although some members indicated that digital modes on the higher bands show some promise.

### NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the November 15, 2016 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 our webmaster Pat, KE2LJ, the minutes appear on the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

Ed reminded the membership that the February meeting of the LIDXA will be held one week later, on February 28. This is necessary since our meeting room will be used on February 21 for Town of Oyster Bay activities.

John W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The current membership totals are 32 members. The annual 2017 dues of \$25 are now due. Over half the membership has already paid up their dues.

Member Adrian, KO8SCA, gave a presentation on his seven-day holiday style DXpedition in late November from St. Barts (operating as FJ/KO8SCA). Adrian mentioned that he made about 7000 QSOs on all bands using SSB, CW and digital modes. Almost 300 QSOs were made on 160 meters. Adrian said all QSOs have been loaded to LOTW and a hard copy of QSLs will be confirmed as received.

Steve mentioned that the annual holiday party held on December 13, 2016 was very successful at *DJ's International Buffet* in Garden City. Approximately 20 members showed up at the party. A picture of the attendees is currently displayed on the club's website.

John spoke about the club's participation in the January 8, 2017 18th annual "*Ham Radio University*" at *Briarcliffe College*. The HRU featured 30 forums and two workshops. Keynote speaker was Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, Chief Executive Officer of the ARRL. As in past years, the club hosted the DX Forum. John presented the DX portion of the one-hour presentation while Bill, W2UDT, from the NJDXA, highlighted a summary of the operations of the W2 QSL bureau.

Ed mentioned that he had just completed the club update required by the ARRL.

With the business portion of this meeting concluding at 9PM, John showed a DVD on the January-February 2012 DXpedition to Malpelo Island as HKØNA, that grossed over 195K QSOs.

At the conclusion of this meeting John announced that guest Walt, W2TE, just joined the LIDXA. Long-time members of the club remembered that Walt was a past president of the club. Members applauded our new/re-joined member.

The next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday February 28, the fourth Tuesday in the month.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary