

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —February 19, 2013

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 15th, 2013 at 8:15 PM, after a brief socializing period and introductions. Members present included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Bob, N2DXJ, and XYL Tanis; Ed, K2MFY; Aaron, WC2C; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Frank, N2FF; Art, N2KA; Joe, W2BMP, and XYL Cecilia; W2CTG; Warren, W2WGK; Ritchie, KB2ZPB; Mark, WB2QJ; and guests Allen, N2KW; and Bob, W2OSR. John indicated he was pleased with the large turnout at tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- DX discussion centered on the fair propagation conditions. The solar flux numbers fallen or remained constant at around 100. 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.
- A number of African countries have been very active and easily worked by members: 5X8C in Uganda; 9U4U in Burundi; TZ6BB in Mali; J5UAP in Guinea-Bissau; and Z81D in the South Sudan.
- The team of G3SWH and G3RTE will be active from Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, as H44KW from February 18 through February 28th.
- A major DXpedition to Burkina Faso by an Italian team is expected to be operational from February 21 through March 6.
- There are plans to have a DXpedition to Temotu Island operational in mid-March.
- A new DXpedition to Clipperton Island is set for early March for about two weeks. The callsign assigned is TX5K. Further details can be found at <http://www.cordell.org/CI/>.

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the January 15th meeting minutes. These minutes were accepted with one minor correction. In addition, the minutes were prepared in advance by the LIDXA Secretary, Ed, K2MFY, and sent out to the membership with the February 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 are expected now. To date John had received dues from about two-thirds of the membership.

NEW BUSINESS

John mentioned that newly elected Hudson Division Director and LIDXA member, Mike, N2YBB, would be holding a meeting on Sunday February 24, 10AM at Levittown Hall for officers of all local clubs. Mike was going to talk about his plans for the Hudson Division under the new leadership. John said he would be attending and urged the officers of the LIDXA to also attend this general meeting.

Steve, N2AJ, announced that Larry Arneson, NØQM, better known as VQ9LA, will be arriving in New York on March 20th for a one day visit with Steve. It was thought that other operators might enjoy meeting Larry as well. At tonight's meeting the LIDXA agreed to take Larry out to dinner. This will be a casual and fun dinner. The date set will be March 20th at 6:30PM at *DJ's International Buffet* in Garden City. Steve said the cost would be \$18.95 per person plus tax & tip. Separate checks will be available and credit cards accepted.

Steve indicated that VQ9LA has provided hundreds of thousands of DX contacts to amateur radio operators around the world, while operating from the tropical island of Diego Garcia in the Chagos Archipelago located in the Indian Ocean. Larry, a retired U.S. Navy veteran, has worked in military communications in many different locations. Now living in the Philippines, he currently operates using the callsign DU3/NØQM.

Ed said he would send out an announcement to Jim, W2KFV, the NLI SM, and have him pass this information to the NLI Section members.

Guest at tonight's meeting, Allen Singer, N2KW, who was an active member of the LIDXA from the 1970's through the 1990's, spoke briefly on the *World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC)* competition, which is held every four years in conjunction with the annual *IARU Contest*. Next year the WRTC is to be held in July 12-13, 2014 in the Northeast USA, probably in the Boston, MA area. This will probably be the last time the WRTC will be held so close to our area for quite some time. For further details (complete with a short video), Allen said to go to the site: <http://www.wrtc2014.org/>.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a new video on the October 2011 DXpedition to Rockall Island (EU-189) in the North Atlantic Sea.

This meeting concluded at around 9:30PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next scheduled meeting is for March 19, 2013.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary