

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —February 18, 2014

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the first meeting of 2014. The January 21, 2014 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and the annual LIDXA holiday party was held on December 17, 2013. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Aaron, WC2C; Rich, KB2ZPB; Art, N2KA. John also welcomed guests Phil, N2MUN; Len, W2FX; Brian, NJ1F; Robert, W2OSQ; Mel, KS2G; Peter, AA2VG; and guest speakers George, N2GA and Diane, K2DO.

OLD BUSINESS

- Members were quite happy to report that for the past few weeks radio conditions have been very good. Perhaps it is the approach of the Winter solstice. The SFI has been around 150, sometimes reaching 175, and DX has been worked on all HF bands. Some of the following DX was reported:
- The big DX discussion was the completion of the DXpedition to Amsterdam Island in the south Indian Ocean, which operated under the callsign FT5ZM. During their 18 days of operation the team made over 150,000 QSOs. Further details are found on their site at: www.amsterdamdx.org
- World traveler Vlad, UA4WHX, is now operating as CEØZ/UA4WHX from Robinson Crusoe in the Juan Fernandez Island group.
- A major DXpedition is currently in progress from Reunion Island as TO7CC.
- Quite a number of Brazilian amateurs are signing with the prefix ZZ8Ø to celebrate 80 years of LABRE, founded on February 2, 1934.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the November 19, 2013 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 2014 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 2014 are expected. John suggested that members give or mail him their dues at their earliest convenience.

In terms of scheduling for the next few LIDXA meetings, the April 15 meeting, which occurs on the first day of Passover, will be moved to the following Tuesday, April 22. The May 20 meeting will feature a presentation by Les, W2LK, ex-LIDXA member, who will just be returning from his Mellish Reef DXpedition. During the June 17 meeting LIDXA elections will be held for officers of the club for the next two years.

With a late October 2014 DXpedition scheduled for Tromelin Island, the club voted to donate \$100 to this operation. Our logo will appear on their web site <http://www.tromelin2014.com>. To reduce chances of pirate operation the DXpedition will not release the callsign to be used until the operation dates.

The membership was reminded that the SSB portion of the ARRL DX contest would be held the first weekend in March.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded representatives from the *Yankee Clipper Contest Club* (YCCC); namely, George Tranos, N2GA, and Diane Ortiz, K2DO, delivered a presentation about the upcoming (World Radio Team Championship) WRTC2014.

George was a WRTC referee in 2000 in Slovenia for S549L team of RZ9UA and UA3DPX; a referee in 2006 in Brazil for PT5X team of PY2NY and PY2EMC; and a referee in 2010 in Russia for R38F team of UA9AM and RU9WX.

Diane was a spectator at WRTC 2000 and 2006; in addition, she wrote a number of articles about each event.

Further details on WRTC2014 can be found at: <http://www.wrtc2014.org/>

This meeting concluded at around 8:45PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday March 18, 2014.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary