

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —February 23, 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 February 23, 2016 at 8:20PM after a socializing period between members of the LIDXA and the Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC). Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Frank, N2FF; Ken, KC2YRJ; Rich, KB2ZPB; Steve, N2AJ; Rick, K2RB; Bob, W2OSR; Art, N2KA; Jack, NU2Q; Karen, W2ABK, and OM Bruce; Bob, W2PNJ; Mark, WB2QJ and YCCC members, Mike, N2TX; John, KD2RD; Bob, K2TV; Mike, N2GC; George, N2GA; Diane, K2DO; and Mike, KC2SYF.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was mentioned:

- Discussions were made on the recent DXpedition to South Sandwich Island (VP8STI) from January 18-29, from South Georgia Island (VP8SGI) February 1-10. The final stop was VP8IDX from the Falklands Islands, February 16-19.
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- Also coming up in March is a DXpedition to Juan de Nova, as FT4JA, from March 29-April 11. Also in latter in the month is the DXpedition from Heard Island, VKØEK, expected from mid-March to mid-April.
- Several members reported working the 3XY1T DXpedition to Los Island (IOTA AF-051) in the African country of Guinea. This operation uses real-time logging which shows contacts on the DXpedition web site within minutes of making the QSO. Operation continues to March 4. QSL via the OQRS route or I2YSB.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the January 19, 2015 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 February 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 also mentioned that Pat has added links to the website displaying the LIDXA holiday party pictures for the years 2011 through 2014.

John W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The current membership totals are up to 31 members. Eighteen 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).

The membership was reminded that the ARRL DX contest (SSB) was coming up over the March 5-6 weekend.

With the brief LIDXA meeting concluded at 8:30PM, John turned over the meeting Tom, LIDXA Vice President, and YCCC NYC/LI Area Manager.

Tom spoke briefly on the origin, activities and goals of the YCCC. This overview highlighted membership, awards, logging programs, and “the fun of contesting.” Detailed resources are available on the YCCC web site (<http://www.yccc.org>).

Tom then discussed the YCCC awards program. These awards are valid for YCCC members who achieve high scores for the major DX contests (ARRL and CQ World Wide). Awards are on final scores (after any applicable reduction by the contest sponsor), and must have been counted towards the club total for the contest. Tom then presented to YCCC guests (which included many LIDXA members) multi-colored pins, hats, etc. for achievements in the DX contests for years 2014 and 2015.

At the conclusion of Tom’s activities a numbers of members of both LIDXA and YCCC paid their annual YCCC dues

With the business portion of this meeting concluded at 9:15PM, John showed the new DVD of the February 2015 Navassa Island DXpedition as K1N. This highly successful DXpedition amassed 140,000 QSOs with over 30,000 unique contacts.

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

The next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday March 15, 2016.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary