

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — February 28, 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 February 28th at 8:25PM after a socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Rich, KB2ZPB; Steve, N2AJ; Karen, W2ABK; Tom, KA2D; Frank, N2FF; Jack, NU2Q; Bob, W2PNJ; Walt, W2TE; Mark, WB2QJ; Aaron, WC2C; and guest Bud, W2BUD.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was mentioned:

- General comments were made on the continued poor DX conditions on the bands. 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.
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- A German DXpedition to Pitcairn Island as VP6EU, has been heard/worked on a number of bands. They are expected to be operational until March 5.
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- A Czech group is operational from South Cook Island as E51DWC. They are expected to be on the island until February 28. QSL via OK1DWC. Other groups are planning to operate from both South Cook Island and North Cook Island during the next few months.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the January 17, 2017 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>.

John W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. Our current membership totals are 33 members. The annual 2017 dues of \$25 are now due. Over half the membership has already paid up their dues.

Ed mentioned that he had received a letter for the LIDXA from the Ohio company *DX Engineering* that they have prepared numerous *Power Point* presentations which they could transmit to clubs in real time via SKYPE. These presentations last about 30-45 minutes and allow time at the end for questions and answers. Possible subjects would be "*DX Engineering*," "The K3LR Story," "Contesting and Contest University," etc. All is required is that the club secretary e-mail out a request to *DX Engineering*. Multiple clubs may be in attendance for the same presentation.

Tom, KA2D, said he should be able to project their SKYPE presentation on the screen in our meeting room via the ceiling projector and his laptop.

After some discussion it was pointed out that club member Adrian, KO8SCA, and friend Andy YO3JR, did visit the *DX Engineering* store recently and participated in an interview with Tim, K3LR. However Tim ended up interviewing Adrian and Andy for the *DX Engineering* "You Tube Channel." This can be seen at the You Tube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovhBOLwvqNA&t=335s>

The LIDXA decided to hold off any further discussion on the *DX Engineering* offer for a later club meeting.

With the business portion of this meeting concluding at 9PM, John showed a DVD on the January 1997 DXpedition to Heard Island, as VKØIR, that grossed over 81K QSOs.

The next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday March 21.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary