

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —March 18, 2014

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of March 18, 2014. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Bob, N2DXJ, and XYL, Tanis; Warren, W2WGK; Steve, N2AJ; Karen, W2ABK; Rick, K2RB; Aaron, WC2C; Rich, KB2ZPB; and Art, N2KA.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Members were quite happy to report that for the past few weeks radio conditions have been good. The SFI has been around 135 and DX has been worked on all HF bands. Some of the following DX was reported:
- Quite a number of stations from the Far East were worked in the last few weeks including BG2AUE, DU/NØQM and the DXpedition from Mynamar as XZ1Z, and several German operators in Sri Lanka.
- World traveler Vlad, UA4WHX, is now operating as HKØ/UA4WHX from Providencia Island, NA-049. He is quite active on the 10 and 12 meter bands.
- Quite a number of Russian stations have been signing with the prefix "KEDR," to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Russian astronaut Yuri Gagarin (deceased)-the first man to orbit the earth back in 1961.
- Several members worked VK2/DJ7JC in Sydney, Australia. This was one of the operators who was getting ready for the DXpedition to Mellish Reef, as VK9MT, which is scheduled to start on March 28 through April 9.

### NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the February 18 meeting minutes. These minutes were accepted with a few minor changes. In addition the minutes were prepared in advance by the LIDXA Secretary, Ed, K2MFY and sent out to the membership with the March 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. Approximately two-thirds of the present membership have paid their dues. 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. As scheduled, 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.

Ed was reminded to update the club information on the ARRL web site. He said that present information would be reviewed and updated as necessary.

Steve, N2AJ mentioned that ne would be traveling over to the Philippines during the month of April. He plans on visiting Robin, DU9RG (honorary member of the LIDXA) and also spending time with Larry, DU/NØQM. Steve also applied for a Philippines license and may operate as DU1/N2AJ where possible.

The membership was reminded that the SSB portion of the CQ WPX contest would be held the last weekend in March.

It was sadly mentioned that active DXer and local ham operator, Andrei Stchislenok, NP3D (also ex-EW1AR), had passed away several months ago. He was a regular in many DX contests and was a regular on RTTY. He had made several trips down to Central America and also operated from some of the neighboring countries.

Several members mentioned that the magazine “CQ” was way behind in its monthly print issues. Ed read a bulletin that he had gotten stating that the January print issue is in the mail now, February would follow shortly, and the company would get back on schedule by then publishing a combined March/April print edition. Effective with the February online issue content from the defunct *Popular Communications*, *CQ VHF* and *WorldRadio Online*, will be incorporated into CQ’s digital edition as a supplement called “CQ Plus.” The publisher hopes that the online CQ will provide amateurs a single source for articles on the broader aspects of hobby radio, from shortwave listening and scanner monitoring to personal two-way services and Internet radio, as well as amateur radio.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the January-February 2000 DXpedition to Mynamar, XZØA, which netted about 80,000 QSOs.

This meeting concluded at around 9:45PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday April 22, 2014, which is held a week later due to religious holidays.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary