## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — March 17, 2015

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 17, 2015 at 8:15PM after a brief socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Rich, KB2ZPB; Adrian, KO8SCA; Steve, N2AJ; Karen, W2ABK; and Jack, NU2Q.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Some of the following DX was reported:

- Quite a number of members reported working several active stations from Africa; such as, 5Z4LS in Kenya, 9QØHQ in Democratic Republic of Congo; 7QAA in Malawi; and the multinational DXpedition to Eritrea (E3ØFB) in East Africa. The club is a sponsor to this DXpedition.
- A DXpedition is in operation from Andaman Islands as VU4A. This operation should be up until March 18.
- There are rumors of an operation from North Korea in the early part of 2016 for five days. It was reported that Dom, 3Z9DX, has received written permission to operate ham radio from North Korea.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the February 24th meeting minutes. Except for a minor correction, 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 March meeting announcement. Thanks to the efforts of our webmaster KE2LJ, Pat, the minutes appear in the LIDXA web site at: <u>http://www.qsl.net/lidxa.</u>

John W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. Members were reminded that dues (in the amount of \$25) for the year 2015 are overdue. John suggested that members give or mail him their dues at their earliest convenience. In this regards about 80% of the present membership had already paid John their 2015 dues.

As discussed in last month's meeting it was decided that the club's website <u>http://www.qsl.net/lidxa</u> should be improved for additional content. Several suggestions were proposed to improve on this web page and provide DX links and other useful, interesting facts, which would advertise the LIDXA. Tom, KA2D, has suggested a number of links that would open up URLs into DX tools.

Adrian, KO8SCA, said he had related the present LIDXA website over to <u>http://www.LIDXA.org</u>. In this manner it may be easier to host additional content. Adrian also suggested that members review other club websites in order to get ideas which might be suitable for the LIDXA. Presently a committee of Ed, Tom, and Adrian are heading up this endeavor. Also this committee is looking for any other "web-savvy" individuals. The committee would then work with our webmaster, Pat, KE2LJ in implementing these improvements.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded at 9PM, John showed a video on the 2002 DXpedition to the South Sandwich Islands as VP8THU.

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

The next meeting of the LIDXA is scheduled for Tuesday April 21, 2015.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY LIDXA Secretary