

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —March 15, 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 March 15, 2016 at 8:20PM after a socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Rich, KB2ZPB; Steve, N2AJ; Rick, K2RB; Adrian, KO8SCA; Art, N2KA; Bob, K2YGM; Jack, NU2Q; Bob, N2DXJ, with XYL Tanis.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was mentioned:

- Despite the drop in propagation, several DXpeditions are quite active. Presently from South America, there is a Polish DXpedition to San Andres Island as 5JØP. Their web site features almost instant log checking capability. They will be active from March 6–March 21.
- From the Pacific Ocean there is a small group on from Marquesas Islands as TX7EU, March 2–March 15. From Africa some members reported working 3C7A. The operator, LA7GIA, expects to be on from Equatorial Guinea until March 21.
- Also coming up shortly in late March is a DXpedition to Juan de Nova, as FT4JA, from March 29–April 11. Later in the month is the DXpedition from Heard Island, VKØEK, expected from mid-March to mid-April.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the February 23, 2016 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 March 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. The current membership totals are up to 32 members. John also announced that Bob, K2YGM, an ex-member of the LIDXA many years ago had just rejoined the club. The membership welcomed Bob back. Twenty-three members have now 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).

It was brought up that a DXpedition to Johnston Island (KH3), in the North Pacific Ocean is planned later this year. The callsign is expected to be KH1B. By a show of hands, many club members need this country, and a vote was then taken to donate \$100 to this DXpedition when further details are published.

With the business portion of this meeting concluding at 8:55PM, John showed a DVD on the January 1997 DXpedition to Heard Island as VKØIR. This highly successful venture provided almost 75,000 QSOs in their 15 days of operation. The video gave members an idea of what obstacles the pending VKØEK DXpedition may encounter when they shortly arrive on this island.

This meeting formally concluded at around 9:55PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished.

The next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday April 19, 2016.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary