

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — March 21, 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 March 21th at 8:25PM after an extended socializing period. Since the classroom was set up with three circular tables instead of the conventional rectangular configuration, members enjoyed roundtable discussions and a “coffee klatch” atmosphere for tonight’s meeting. Members present at tonight’s meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Steve, N2AJ; Tom, KA2D; Jack, NU2Q; Walt, W2TE; Adrian, KO8SCA, Art, N2KA, Warren, W2WGG; Bob, K2YGM, and Bob, K2TV.

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 indicate that good HF openings occur around 9AM or early evening.
- Several amateurs from Latvia are active from Bangladesh. The operation is expected to run from March 15–27. With poor propagation only one member reported working the station.
- There is an active DXpedition to Niger as 5U5R. This Spanish-run DXpedition have good signals and excellent operators. The DXpedition will run from March 13–21. QSL to EA5RM.
- Several amateurs from Ireland are active from Nepal as 9N7EI. The DXpedition is expected to run from March 10–20. A couple of members reported hearing/working the station in the early morning.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight’s meeting was the approval of the February 28, 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 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. Our current membership totals are 33 members and 25 members have paid their annual dues.

Bob, K2YGM, mentioned that he had met with the new RFI representative from PSEG, Louis Cortes, regarding the company’s position investigating line noises, RFI, etc. reported by amateur radio operators. The previous investigator from LIPA, Mike Malinowski, was retired. Although Louis is not as experienced as Mr. Malinowski, he is familiar with RFI problems. His territory is both Nassau and Suffolk counties and he readily offered his services to radio amateurs. Louis can be reached at (516) 260-3073, (631) 776-7130, or by e-mail at LouisCortes@PSEG.com.

With the business portion of this meeting concluding at 9:20PM, John then showed a DVD on the 2000 DXpedition to Myanmar (Burma) as XZØA, that grossed about 80K QSOs.

The next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday April 18.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary