

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — April 17, 2012

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of April 17th at 8:15 PM, after a brief socializing period. Members present included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Bob, N2DXJ; Karen, W2ABK; Steve, N2AJ; and Tom, KA2D. John mentioned that Karen would be taking notes during tonight's meeting since the Secretary, Ed, K2MFY, could not attend this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Much of the DX discussion centered on the fair propagation conditions. DX is prevalent on the HF bands although the solar flux index has dropped somewhat from the highs of the past Fall. There are limited openings on 10 and 12 meters; however, the other high bands still have good propagation. Several members noted that the bands seem very noisy.
- Even though there are political disputes between China and the Philippines over a number of island groups in the South China Sea, a major DXpedition to Spratly Island is presently in operation as 9MØL. This group (primarily Japanese and Malaysian amateurs) will be operational from April 10 to April 24.
- A DXpedition to Campbell Island (ZL4) is planned for November. The club will decide if we are to support this DXpedition.
- A number of stations containing the suffix letters "MGY" have been heard on the bands from many different countries. They will be using these letters (which was the call sign used by the RMS Titanic) for part of the month of April to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Titanic sinking on April 15, 1912.

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the March 20th meeting minutes. These minutes were accepted as presented. In addition, the minutes were prepared in advance by the LIDXA Secretary, Ed, K2MFY, and sent out to the membership with the April meeting notice. 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 2012 are overdue. John suggested that members give or mail him their dues at the earliest convenience. At the present time only six (6) of the present membership has not paid their 2012 dues.

NEW BUSINESS

A DXpedition is planned in early September to Swains Island (KH8/S) in the south Pacific. Since this is a fairly rare DX entity (#31 on the *DX Magazine* Most Wanted Survey), and one of the team members includes Lou Dietrich, N2TU—a past member of the LIDXA who subsequently moved to North Carolina—the club voted a donation to the DXpedition of \$100—which would ensure our logo appearing on the Swains Island DXpedition website (www.nh8s.org).

John mentioned that the LIDXA will be holding full elections for all officers and Board of Directors for the club (years 2012-2014) in the May meeting. After a brief discussion, the following slate was decided on by the attendees:

- President: John, W2GW
- Vice President: Tom, KA2D
- Secretary: Ed, K2MFY
- Treasurer: John, W2GW
- Directors: Steve, N2AJ; Bob, N2DXJ; and Frank, N2FF.

This list would be presented to the membership to vote on at the May 15th meeting. If new candidates appear before the election, their names would be added to the ballot. As done in the last few years, members who cannot make the May meeting may submit their vote to Ed by e-mail. Officers selected will begin their term at the June meeting.

The club discussed the recent approval of the ARRL DXCC to allow all card checkers to check deleted entities; however, only card checkers with an active 160 meter DXCC award account are now authorized to verify QSLs for 160 meters contacts.

This change is in addition to the new DXCC fee structure which went into effect on April 2. Details on these fees are explained on the site: <http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-awards-fees#>.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the on the September 2007 DXpedition to St. Brandon Island in the Indian Ocean, as 3B7C. The DXpedition was a major success, making over 137,500 QSOs.

This meeting concluded at around 10PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next meeting of the LIDXA is scheduled for Tuesday May 15th.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary
(per notes taken by W2ABK)