

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —April 16, 2013

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 16, 2013 at 8:15PM after a brief socializing period and introductions. Members present included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Bob, N2DXJ, and XYL Tanis; Ed, K2MFY; Steve, N2AJ; Art, N2KA; Karen, W2ABK; Joe, KG2T; Tom, KA2D; Mike, N2YBB; Ritchie, KB2ZPB; and guests Harvey, K2RV; Bob, W2OSR; Mel, KS2G; and Mike, N2TX.

OLD BUSINESS

It was stated that last month had quite good DX openings—considering the fair propagation so far for Sunspot Cycle 24. Present SFI is around 150. In particular:

- An operation from Tanzania as 5H3MB been reported. Activity is expected from April 7–May 8. QSL to the operator, IK2GZU.
- RW3AH, Sparky, has been very active from Cairo, Egypt as SU9AH. QSL to UA3DX.
- An operation to Tokelau Island as ZK3N is expected in late April. Further details can be found at <http://www.tokelau2013.de/>
- A DXpedition to Tongatapu Island, Tonga as A35JP will be operational from May 5–22. QSL to the operator, Masa, JAØRQV.
- In general good openings to Asia were reported on 15m in the mornings and world-wide openings were noted in the daytime to Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the March 19 meeting minutes. These minutes were accepted as presented. In addition, the minutes were edited in advance by the LIDXA Secretary, Ed, K2MFY, based upon notes taken by Karen, W2ABK, 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 also presented the Treasurer's report. The (\$25) dues for the year 2013 are overdue. To date, John had received dues from about 85% of the present membership.

Steve, N2AJ, summarized the special dinner that was held on March 20 for Larry Arneson, NØQM, better known as VQ9LA, at the *DJ's International Buffet* in Garden City. Approximately ten LIDXA members and guests attended the dinner. Larry is presently operating in the Philippines as DU3/NØQM.

At the conclusion of Steve's summary, the LIDXA voted unanimously to vote in NØQM as an Honorary member of the LIDXA.

NEW BUSINESS

A DXpedition is planned early next year for 18 days to Amsterdam Island, as FT5ZM, in the Territory of the French Southern and Antarctic Lands. Since this is very rare DX entity and the cost of transportation is very high, the LIDXA voted a donation to the DXpedition of \$100—which would ensure our logo appearing on the Amsterdam Island DXpedition website www.amsterdamdx.org.

It was mentioned that the annual DX Hamvention would be held at Dayton over the May 17–19 time frame. Review the site www.hamvention.org for programs and activities. Also a week earlier (May 11-12) will be the annual Armed Force Day military/amateur activities, where military amateur operators provide contacts to hams on cross-band frequencies. Check the site www.netcom.army.mil/mars for active military stations and their expected frequencies.

At the conclusion of the business portion of tonight's meeting Tom, KA2D, LIDXA Vice President and Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC) NYC/LI area manager, discussed the origin, activities and goals of the YCCC. Tom then gave a PowerPoint presentation on the "Rewards of Contesting." This overview highlighted contesting techniques and "the fun of contesting." Detailed resources are available on the YCCC web site (<http://www.yccc.org>).

This meeting concluded at around 9:30PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next scheduled meeting is for May 21, 2013.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary