

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —April 22, 2014

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

Tom, KA2D, the LIDXA Vice President called to order the meeting of April 22, 2014, since John, W2GW, the LIDXA President was away on a trip. Tonight's meeting was held a week later due to the first day of Passover which occurred on our regular meeting date of April 15. Members present at tonight's meeting included Tom, KA2D; Ed, K2MFY; Warren, W2WGG; Karen, W2ABK; Rick, K2RB; Rich, KB2ZPB; Art, N2KA; and Woody, K2UU.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Members were quite happy to report that for the past few weeks radio conditions have been very good. The SFI has been around 150 and DX has been worked on all HF bands. Some of the following DX was reported:
- World traveler Vlad, UA4WHX, is now operating as CEØY/UA4WHX from Easter Island, SA-001. He is quite active on the 30, 17 and 12 meter bands.
- A special station celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal is operational as HO1ØØCANAL until mid-August. QSL to HP1AVS.
- Quite a number of Russian stations have been signing with the prefix "KEDR," to commemorate the 80th birthday of Russian astronaut Yuri Gagarin (deceased)—the first man to orbit the earth back in 1961.

### NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the March 18 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 April 2014 meeting announcement. Thanks to the efforts of KE2LJ, Pat, the minutes appear in the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

Members were reminded that dues (in the amount of \$25) for this current year are overdue. Those who have not paid up yet should give or mail our Treasurer, W2GW, their dues at the earliest convenience.

In terms of scheduling for the next two LIDXA meetings, the May 20 meeting will feature a presentation by Les, W2LK, ex-LIDXA member, who will just be returning from his Mellish Reef DXpedition (VK9MT). His presentation is expected on his participation in the DXpedition (as ZL9HR) to Campbell Island in November-December 2012. During the June 17 meeting, LIDXA elections will be held for officers of the club for the next two years.

Ed mentioned that he updated the LIDXA club information on the ARRL web site; however, some changes would not stay in the updated file. Members advised Ed contact Norm, W3IZ, art he ARRL on these problems.

The ARRL centennial stations are quite active. Two new special stations, operating portable in each state and most territories, signing W1AW/#, go on the air starting every Tuesday night for one week. Full details on this event and all activities for the year can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party>.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, Tom presented a DVD on the March 2005 DXpedition to Kerguelen Island (FT5XO), which netted about 68,000 QSOs.

This meeting concluded at around 9:45PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary