

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — April 21, 2015

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 21, 2015 at 8:15PM after a brief socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Rich, KB2ZPB; Adrian, KO8SCA; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ and XYL Margaret; Karen, W2ABK; Jack, NU2Q; Art, N2KA; Warren, W2WGK and guest Berislav, KA2DZR.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was reported:

- To celebrate the 67th anniversary of the independence of the state of Israel, stations in Israel may use "67" as part of their callsign. In particular Amir, 4X6TT, has been signing 4X67TT.
- A station signing Z81D in the South Sudan has been quite active on the bands. QSL to OM3JW.
- Alan, F6BFH has been heard operating from Clipperton Island as TX5P. He has been heard transmitting on 14.045 MHz and listening up 5 kHz.
- A number of members reported that Leo, PP1CZ is on Fernando de Noronha signing PYØ/PP1CZ. QSL to his home call.
- A new operator from Uganda is 5X1JM. He has been heard on 20 meters SSB operating transceive. Occasionally he will ask 4X6TT to take a list for him to cut down on the QRM.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the March 17th meeting minutes. The 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 meeting announcement. Thanks to the efforts of our webmaster 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 2015 are overdue. John said he would contact a few of the existed members who have not submitted their dues. In this regards about 85% of the present membership have their 2015 dues.

John indicated that a major DXpedition to Palmyra Island is expected to becoming up in early January 2016. One of the members of this group, and team leader, is past LIDXA member Lou, N2TU. (See further details at <http://palmyra2016.org>).

After a brief discussion, the club decided to approve an expenditure of \$100 to this DXpedition. John said he would send out the funds to the appropriate source.

Along these lines the club has been requested to provide a donation to the scheduled March 2016 DXpedition to Juan de Nova. (See further details at: (<http://juandenovadx.com>)). Since quite a number of LIDXA members need this country for a new DXCC, the club decided to approve an expenditure of \$100 to this DXpedition. John said he would send out the funds to the appropriate source.

As discussed in last month's meeting it was decided that the club's website <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa> should be improved for additional content. Several suggestions were proposed to improve on this web page and provide DX links and other useful, interesting facts, which would advertise the LIDXA. Presently a committee of Ed, Tom, KA2D, and Adrian KO8SCA are heading up this endeavor. Also this committee is looking for any other "web-savvy" individuals. The committee would then work with our webmaster, Pat, KE2LJ in implementing these improvements. At this meeting no developments reported.

Steve, N2AJ announced that he had been contacted by several Japanese amateurs that they would be arriving in NY to take part in the 2015 nuclear non-proliferation review conference at the UN. Since they are in NY for a very short time and would like to meet US amateurs, Steve suggested that the LIDXA host a luncheon for these visitors on Saturday May 2 at *DJ's International Buffet* in Garden City at 1PM. By an informal show of hands about one dozen members said they would be at this luncheon.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded at 9:15PM, John showed a video on the 1992 DXpedition to Clipperton Island as FOØCI.

This meeting concluded at around 10:00PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished.

The next meeting of the LIDXA is scheduled for Tuesday May 19, 2015.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary