

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —April 19, 2016

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 19, 2016 at 8:20PM after a socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Rich, KB2ZPB; Steve, N2AJ; Adrian, KO8SCA; Art, N2KA; Bob, K2YGM; Jack, NU2Q; Frank, N2FF; Karen, W2ABK; Bob, W2OSR; and Aaron, WC2C.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was mentioned:

- Much of the DX discussion was on the recently completed DXpeditions to Juan de Nova, as FT4JA, and Heard Island, as VKØEK. Even with poor conditions most of the club members reported making contacts with these rare DX countries.
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- An active DXpedition has been reported from Iran, as EP2A. The group will be operating from April 16–25. QSL via YL2GM.
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- It was reported that ET7L in Ethiopia was worked. This is a limited operation and expected to be operational until early May. QSL via USØLW.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the March 15, 2016 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 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. The current membership totals are up to 32 members. Twenty-five members have now paid up their 2016 dues. John reminded all members to send him their dues by mail or in person at the next meeting (\$25 due in the early part of 2016).

Member Adrian, KO8SCA, gave a brief presentation on his attendance at the International DX Convention in Visalia, California, held April 16-19. The program included DX University and contest academy sessions, ARRL, DX, and contest forums, and a long list of DX and technical presentations, as well as an entire exhibition hall of displays and vendors.

The ARRL announced the deletion of Kingman Reef (KH5/K), effective March 29. This change now brings the active DXCC countries totals down to 339.

In the March meeting it was voted to donate \$100 to a future DXpedition to Baker Island (KH1), in the North Pacific Ocean, headed up by team leader YT1AD. John indicated at tonight's meeting that the group has not set up any web site yet, and it is expected that the DXpedition will be in the September/October 2017 time frame. Since that is over one-year away, John said he will hold off this donation until further details are provided.

John mentioned that a DXpedition is planned to San Felix Island (CEØX) sometime during the July to September time frame later this year. Operators, CE5WQO and RA9USU will be part of the group. The LIDXA membership voted that we should give this DXpedition a donation once details are firmed up.

With the business portion of this meeting concluding at 9:05PM, John showed a DVD on the 2007 DXpedition to Scarborough Reef as BS7H. With the current tense political situation in the South China Sea it will be interesting to see if and when there will be another DXpedition to this area in the future.

This meeting formally concluded at around 10:05PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished.

The next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday May 17, 2016.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary

