

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —May 20, 2014

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of May 20, 2014. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Aaron, WC2C; Rich, KB2ZPB; Art, N2KA; Frank, N2FF; Karen, W2ABK; Warren, W2WGK. John also welcomed guests Phil, N2MUN; Mel, KS2G; Adrian, KO8SCA; and guest speaker/ex-LIDXA member, Les, W2LK.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Members were quite unhappy to report that for the past week radio conditions have been poor. The SFI has dropped to 115 with few DX openings on the 10 and 12 meter bands. Best DX openings seem to be to Europe and the Middle East in the evenings on 20 meters after 9PM. Some of the following DX was reported:
- World traveler Vlad, UA4WHX, is now operating as PZ5VB from Suriname. He is quite active on the 40, 30, and 17 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.
- A station signing SØ1WS in the Western Sahara has been reported on 20 meters SSB. QSL to EA2JG.

### NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the April 22 meeting minutes. Except for an editing error, 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 May meeting announcement. Thanks to the efforts of KE2LJ, Pat, the minutes appear in the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

John reminded the membership 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; otherwise, they will be removed from the membership roster.

Ed mentioned that he updated the LIDXA club information on the ARRL web site; however, some changes would not stay in the updated file. He did send an e-mail to Norm, W3IZ, at the ARRL, on these problems, but a response has not yet been received.

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 poor conditions these centennial stations keep the bands active.

John mentioned that a DXpedition to Tokelau Islands by a couple of amateurs from Poland is coming up in October. The tentative callsigns ZK3Q and ZK3E will be confirmed upon arrival. A motion was raised to send this DXpedition a donation. However by a majority, the membership did not approve the request.

In the next meeting, June 17, LIDXA elections will be held for officers of the club for the next two years.

With a shortened business portion of this meeting concluded. Our guest speaker Les, W2LK, then gave a *PowerPoint* presentation on his participation in the 2012 DXpedition to Campbell Island (ZL9HR). At the conclusion of Les' presentation he discussed the recent DXpedition to Mellish Reef (VK9MT)—that was cut short by extreme weather.

At the conclusion of Les' presentation the membership unanimously approved to add Les as a "Member-at-Large" to the club's roster.

This meeting concluded at around 9:30PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next scheduled meeting, and the last meeting before the summer hiatus, will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary