

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — May 19, 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 May 19, 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; Steve, N2AJ and XYL Margaret; Bob, N2DXJ and XYL Tanis; Jack, NU2Q; Art, N2KA; and Aaron, WC2C.

### OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was reported:

- Many of the members reported working many of the Spanish stations signing with the prefix AO15Ø to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the ITU.
- Several amateurs from Lithuania are expected to activate Mount Athos as SV7/YL7A during the May19-28 timeframe.
- DF2WO plans to activate XT2AW from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso for a month in late May.
- Activity has been heard from Fernando de Noronha Island using the callsign PWØF. QSL to OH2BH.

### NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the April 21st 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 May 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. Members were reminded that dues (in the amount of \$25) for the year 2015 are overdue. The current membership totals are up to 30 members.

Many of the members reported on the poor DX conditions for the past month. Ed commented on the article he had sent members in this month's meeting announcement concerning the fact that this present sunspot cycle, #24, is one of the weakest in the past century.

A discussion ensued about the political unrest in the South China Sea. The DX entities of Spratly Island and Scarborough Reef are located in this area.

John was pleased to announce that member Aaron, WC2C, is joining him as an approved ARRL DXCC QSL field checker.

John mentioned that he had filed the **IRS Form 990-N**. This form has to be filed annually to preserve our 503-c status.

Form 501(c), to continue the LIDXA status as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization.

Steve, N2AJ discussed the Saturday, May 2 luncheon at *DJ's International Buffet* in Garden City, where members of the LIDXA hosted several Japanese amateurs who were arriving in NY to take part in the 2015 nuclear non-proliferation review conference at the UN. In particular the JA amateurs attending were Masa, JH5KXG/KD9APW, Hiroshi, JA6WIA; and JO6MRY (YL). Approximately 15 LIDXA members and guests attended this friendly informative luncheon. Guests and members exchanged trinkets and took group pictures outside the restaurant.

Also Steve mentioned, along the lines of international exchanges, that he had visits from Ahmed, 9K2QA, and also Sara, VU3RSB, who visited him in the past month.

Finally Steve enlightened us all on his attendance at the Dayton Hamvention over the May 15-17th weekend.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded at 9:15PM, John showed a video on the 2009 DXpedition to Midway Island as K4M.

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 June 16, 2015. This meeting will be the last one until September 15th due to the summer hiatus over the months of July and August.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary