

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —May 17, 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 May 17, 2016 at 8:15PM 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; Warren, W2WKG; and guest, Howie, WB2UZE.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was mentioned:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the last month. The solar flux numbers have gone down accompanied with noisy conditions and several flares causing blackouts.
- Several members reported working KH8/KCØW in America Samoa. The next stop the operator will make will be to Samoa as 5WØCOW.
- It was reported that the activity from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, 1AØKM, was done by a pirate station.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the April 19, 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 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. The current membership totals are up to 32 members. Twenty-six members have now paid up their 2016 dues. John reminded all members to send him their dues by mail (\$25 was due in the early part of 2016).

Tom indicated that the Great South Bay radio club, W2GSB, will be setting up a demonstration station at the Air Power Museum at Republic Airport in Farmingdale over the June 8-9 weekend.

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.

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 9:10PM, John showed a DVD on the 2005 DXpedition to Kerguelen Island as FT5XO, located in the sub-Antarctic region of the Indian Ocean.

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

The next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday June 21, 2016. This will be the last meeting of the club before our summer hiatus

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary

