

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — May 16, 2017

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 16th at 8:05PM after a brief socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Jack, NU2Q; Art, N2KA; Bob, K2YGM; Rich, KB2ZPB; Ken, KC2YRJ; Steve, N2AJ; Mark, WB2QJ; and guests Ron, W2TAP; Andy, K2LE; Brian, KC1BDF; George; W2BUD; Mel, KS2G; Howie, WB2UZE; Mike, KC2SYF, and XYL, Pat, KD2CFA. This was to be a special meeting with guest speaker Ron Millione, W2TAP, our area's new PSEG (Public Service Electric and Gas) RFI investigator.

John announced that due to the length of Ron's *PowerPoint* presentation we probably would not have time to conduct any club business at tonight's meeting. Due to the large numbers of guests, several minutes were spent going around the room having all the members and guests introduce themselves and give a brief summary of their background.

Before introducing Ron, W2TAP, to the membership John thanked members Bob, K2YGM and Ken, KC2YRJ for some of the earlier dealings with Ron which eventually led up to his discussion tonight.

At around 8:30PM Ron began his "Radio-TV Interference Presentation & Demonstration," by introducing himself and summarizing his background in the military, commercial and amateur radio expertise for over 25 years. He works closely with his partner, Louis Cotes, in the *Radio & Television Investigation Service* of PSEG. Although Ron's territory is primarily Nassau and Queens counties, and Louis handles problems throughout Suffolk county, both investigators do handle both territories.

Ron's discourse then highlighted sources of common (and uncommon) RFI from high voltage power lines to household dimmers. Many of these sources were complemented by short demonstration audio recordings at specific frequencies. In some cases Ron suggested simple fixes that could be obtained (such as, obtaining a lamp debuzzing coil from the manufacturer for noisy dimmer controls). He also indicated that due to technology new sources of RFI are always appearing; such as, from solar panels, high pressure sodium street lights, computers and peripherals, internet providers, cell phone towers, etc.

Ron suggested that if you have specific RFI problems or power line issues which you would like the PSEG field team to investigate you should contact:

Ron Millitone: 631-776-7131; Ronald.Millione@PSEG.com

or

Louis Cortes: 631-776-7130, LouisCortes@PSEG.com

Concluding Ron's presentation at around 9:30PM was a lengthy question and answer period from the membership and guests which included many specific and general topics. The attendees then warmly thanked Ron for his professional lecture on RFI causes/solutions and the RFI services of PSEG.

This meeting concluded at about 10:15PM. The next meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday, June 20, where tonight's meeting business portion will be concluded along with any new DX and business details, along with a DXpedition DVD This will be the last meeting of the LIDXA before the summer hiatus.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary