

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — June 19, 2012

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

Ed, K2MFY, the LIDXA Secretary, called to order the meeting of June 19th at 8:20 PM, after a brief socializing period. The LIDXA President John, W2GW, was unavailable for tonight's meeting so Ed was asked to be the host. Members present included Bob, N2DXJ and XYL Tanis; Karen, W2ABK and OM Bruce, Ed, K2MFY; Steve, N2AJ; Tom, KA2D; Warren, W2WGK; Mike, N2YBB; and Art, N2KA.

OLD BUSINESS

- DX discussion centered on the fair propagation conditions. DX is prevalent on the HF bands with limited openings on 10 and 12 meters. Conditions seem to peak up in the early evening. Several members noted that the bands seem very noisy with much QSB of signals.
- A DX operation from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, 1AØC, is expected to be active for a few days in the early part of July. Due to the late request received, the club decided not to support any donations to this DXpedition.
- A number of Ukrainian stations have started using the special prefixes starting with EM2012, EN2012, and EO2012 to celebrate European Football. These special event stations will operate through June.
- Some good Asian openings were reported during the All-Asian contest (on CW) this past weekend.
- In celebration of Summer Olympics in London many UK amateur stations will be using special prefixes in late July.

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the May 15th meeting minutes. These minutes were accepted as presented. In addition, the minutes were prepared in advance by the LIDXA Secretary, Ed, K2MFY, and sent out to the membership with the June meeting notice. Thanks to the efforts of KE2LJ, Pat, the minutes appear in the LIDXA web site at:

<http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

It was reported that veteran DXer Baldur, DJ6SI, was arrested by authorities on the Greek Island of Kos in the Dodecanese island group. He was signing SV5/DJ5SI when authorities charged him with espionage. He and his XYL were placed under arrest although Baldur showed them the proper credentials and licenses. He is now safely back home in Germany but is scheduled to go to trial in June.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed mentioned that with this meeting the installation of new officers and Board of Directors for the club (years 2012-2014) are in effect. Also Ed had sent in notifications to *The Weekly DX* and the *DX Newsletter* publications. Officers are listed below:

- President: John, W2GW
- Vice President: Tom, KA2D
- Secretary: Ed, K2MFY
- Treasurer: John, W2GW
- Directors: Steve, N2AJ; Bob, N2DXJ; and Frank, N2FF.

A brief discussion arose on a design for a new or modified club logo that would introduce a color scheme into the artwork. The item was tabled to the September meeting.

The last weekend of June is Field Day. Ed also passed around some announcements on Field Day that had just appeared in *Newsday*.

Several members mentioned that Field Day operations would be held in the following locations:

- **Grumman Amateur Radio Club**
Grumman Radio Club will be operating one station, WA2LQO, Class 2A, in the park building at the Haypath Road Park in Bethpage. Plans are to set up Saturday starting around noon.
- **Radio Central Amateur Radio Club & The Order of Boiled Owls of New York**
Radio Central Amateur Radio Club and the New York Order of Boiled Owls will be joining forces this year for Field Day at the Long Island Maritime Museum in West Sayville, New York.
- **Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club**
GSBARC FD will be at Babylon Town Hall in North Lindenhurst.
For further Field Day details check activities posted on the site of ARRL NYC/LI Section at:
<http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>.

Member Tom, KA2D, mentioned that he might be able to get some YCCC members to give presentations on topics of interest for the Fall LIDXA programs. Also Joe, W2GMP, previously indicated earlier that he might be able to give a talk on surface-mount devices.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, Ed presented a DVD on the highly successful January 2012 DXpedition to Pitcairn Island, as VP6T. With a little time remaining, a short DVD was shown on the history, purposes, and sponsorship of the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF).

This meeting concluded at around 9:30PM after all the scheduled business had finished. This is the last club meeting of the season before the summer hiatus. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2011. Ed wished the membership a happy, healthy, and DX-filled summer.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary