

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —June 18, 2013

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of June 18, 2013 at 8:15PM after a brief socializing period. Members present included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Bob, N2DXJ, and XYL Tanis; Ed, K2MFY; Art, N2KA; Steve, N2AJ, and XYL Margaret; Tom, KA2D; Bob, W2PNJ; and Aaron, WC2C.

OLD BUSINESS

Quite a number of comments were made about the poor conditions during the past month. There were a number of solar flares and the SFI was down. Evenings seem to be the best for DX propagation. Some members indicated that there were good 6 meter openings. The following DX was reported:

- It was noted that the Honduran operator Dan, HR2DMR was worked as HQ8S on Swan Island (NA-035). After June 20, Dan will be on Vivorillos Island (NA-223) as HQ8D. QSL via KD4POJ.
- A large group of Cuban amateurs are currently operating from Cayo Santa Maria (NA-204) as T46C from June 13–17. QSL via EA5GL.
- It was mentioned that the “Intrepid-DX Group” announced that are currently in China and then will try to get permission to operate from North Korea.
- The worldly traveler, Vlad, UA4WHX, has now returned to Egypt and is operational as SU9VB. He usually can be found on the low end of 17m cw.
- Members of the Cambridge University Wireless Society (G6UW) are active from the Faroe Islands (EU-018) using /OY home calls.
- The Radio Club of Chile expects to get operational privileges for a DXpedition from San Felix Island from about July 8–13.
- JG8NQJ will be operating from Miami Torishima in mid-June, as JG8NQJ/JD1 doing CW and some SSB. He may be on the island for six to eight weeks, operating in his spare time. QSL via JA8CJY.

Starting the business portion of tonight’s meeting was the approval of the May 21 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>. John also presented the Treasurer’s report.

NEW BUSINESS

The membership was reminded that the period of June 22–23 is the annual ARRL Field Day. Further details and locations can be found on the ARRL web site: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>.

Several members brought up the possibility of purchasing hats with the LIDXA logo, providing there is club interest. A brief discussion developed on setup charge, prices/quantities. Steve, N2AJ, mentioned that he has high resolution LIDXA logo artwork and could supply it to a supplier. Bob, W2PNJ, indicated that he has a supplier for the hats and would report back to the membership in the September meeting regarding setup charge, prices/quantities.

The club voted down a request from the Mediterranean DX Club for a donation to their planned DXpedition to Bangladesh in late November.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the DXpedition to N'Djamena, Chad during October 3–16, 2013, by an Italian group headed up by Silvano, I2YSB.

This meeting concluded at around 9:15PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. This is the last club meeting of the season before the summer hiatus. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2013. John wished the membership a happy, healthy, and DX-filled summer.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary