

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —June 17, 2014

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 17, 2014 at 8:20PM. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Bob, N2DXJ, and XYL Tanis; Aaron, WC2C; Rich, KB2ZPB; Art, N2KA; Karen, W2ABK; Warren, W2WGK; Mark, WB2QJ; and Jane, KC2NOT.

OLD BUSINESS

- Members were quite unhappy to report that for the past month radio conditions have been poor. The SFI has dropped to 117 with few DX openings on the 10 and 12 meter bands. Best DX openings seem to be to Europe and the Middle East in the evenings on 20 meters after 9PM. Some of the following DX was reported:
- In celebration of the passing of the crown of King Carlos to his son Felipe VI, who will be ascended to the throne, Spanish operators can use special prefixes during June 18–September 18.
- Special event stations active in Brazil are using unique ZY, ZX prefixes to celebrate the World Cup games.
- A Lord Howe DXpedition is scheduled for the October 13 timeframe.
- The Tromelin Island DXpedition is proceeding as scheduled for October 30–November 10. The club had made a donation to this DXpedition. Details can be found at <http://www.tromelin2014.com>.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the May 20 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 June meeting announcement. Thanks to the efforts of KE2LJ, Pat, the minutes appear in the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

John reminded the membership that dues (in the amount of \$25) for this current year are overdue. Those who have not paid up yet should give or mail our Treasurer, W2GW, their dues at the earliest convenience; otherwise, they will be removed from the membership roster.

The ARRL centennial stations are quite active. Two new special stations, operating portable in each state and most territories, signing W1AW/#, go on the air starting every Tuesday night for one week. Full details on this event and all activities for the year can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party>. With poor conditions these centennial stations keep the bands active.

The membership was reminded that the period of June 28–29 is the annual ARRL Field Day. Further details and locations can be found on the ARRL web site: www.arrl.org/field-day-locator.

At this time in the meeting, John stated that we would have our elections for all officers and Board of Directors for the club (years 2014-2016). By a show of hands, the following members were elected:

1* President: John, W2GW

2* Vice President: Tom, KA2D

3* Secretary: Ed, K2MFY

4* Treasurer: John, W2GW

• Directors: Steve, N2AJ; Bob, N2DXJ; and Frank, N2FF.

The membership applauded these incumbent club officers and offered them support over the next two years. Ed said he would forward the list of the new club officers to the leading ham radio newsletters for publication and also to our ARRL SCM, Jim, W2KFV.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD from DXer, K4UEE, on "The Top Seven DXpeditions." These DXpeditions included 3YØX, Peter 1 Island, 2006; VU7RG, Lakshadweep Island, 2007; AH1A, Howland Island, 1993; XRØY, Easter Island, 1995; VKØIR, Heard Island, 1997; FOØAAA, Clipperton island, 2000; and A52A, Bhutan, 2001.

This meeting concluded at around 9:50PM 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 16, 2014. John wished the membership a happy, healthy, and DX-filled summer.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary