

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —June 21, 2016

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

The meeting of June 21, 2016 was called to order by the LIDXA Vice President Tom, KA2D, at 8:10PM after a brief socializing period. The LIDXA President John, W2GW, was on vacation and requested that Tom chair tonight's meeting. Members present at tonight's meeting included Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Rich, KB2ZPB; Steve, N2AJ; Jack, NU2Q; Frank, N2FF; Woody, K2UU; Warren, W2WKG; Rick, K2RB; Karen, W2ABK, and Aaron, WC2C.

Since the air conditioner in the room was not operating, Tom suggested that we hold this meeting just outside by the picnic tables.

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. It was mentioned that there have been some sporadic 6-meter openings.
- Several members reported working Tom, 5WØCOW in Samoa on 15, 20 and 30 meters. The next stop the operator plans to operate from may be Tokelau Island. It was noted that Tom will "blacklist" stations that work him on the same band and mode. He usually keeps his QSOs updated on the Club Log site for verifying contacts.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the May 17, 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 June 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>.

Ed reminded the membership that due to an oversight, the regular election of Officers and Directors were not held during the May meeting. According to the club's constitution elections are to be held in even numbered years. Tom suggested that due to the absence of John, W2GW, we hold the elections at the next scheduled meeting, which will be on September 20.

The current slate officers (2014-2016) are

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

Members were asked to review this list for election in the years 2016-2018.

In terms of DX rumors, Polish DXer Dom Grzyb, 3Z9DX, is eagerly awaiting the call that will allow him to return to North Korea for another brief activation. It is reported that 3Z9DX has received confirmation that North Korea will authorize a 5-day operation, which will be on short notice—just enough time for him to book his flight, grab his gear, and head off. He can only operate on SSB and on one band, 20, 15, or 10 meters.

Over the course of his unanticipated December 20-21, 2015 activation from North Korea—the first in more than a decade—P5/3Z9DX made nearly 785 SSB contacts, most of them on 15 meters. Nearly 600 of the contacts were with stations in Asia; P5/3Z9DX worked just 26 stations in North America. The ARRL DXCC committee subsequently approved the P5/3Z9DX operation.

Tom and Ed discussed an e-mail that they had received from Stan, LZ1GC. He is the organizer of a H44GC and H4ØGC DXpedition to the Solomon Islands and Temotu Province between September 24 and October 26 of this year. He was requesting financial support from the club. The membership discussed a donation to this DXpedition but it was decided to postpone any decision until the next meeting. Further details on this DXpedition can be found at his site: www.c21gc.com.

The membership was reminded that the period of June 25–26 is the annual ARRL Field Day. Further details and locations can be found on the ARRL web site: www.arrl.org/field-day-locator.

With the business portion of this meeting concluding at 8:50PM, and the fact that the meeting room was excessively warm, Tom decided to forego the scheduled showing of the Howland Island (AH1A) video.

This meeting then concluded after all the scheduled business had finished. This is the last club meeting of the season before the summer hiatus of July and August. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. Tom wished the membership a happy, healthy, and DX-filled summer.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary