

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — June 20, 2017

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

The meeting of June 20, 2017 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; Bob, K2YGM; Karen, W2ABK, Aaron, WC2C and guests Dave, KA2HTV, Len, W2FX, and Allen, N2KW.

### 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 appears that the best time for DX is on 20 meters between 5-8PM although the window is primarily to Europe and the Middle East. The low bands are fairly good but noisy from about 7PM to 11PM.
- Several members reported working a French group signing the call, TX5EG, from French Polynesia. They are quite active and have been moving through various IOTAs in the area. QSL direct to F6BCW.
- Another active DX station on different bands is Jeff, TZ4AM, in Mali. He has a stateside manager WØSA, who turns around QSLs quickly.

### NEW BUSINESS

Since the May 17th meeting was a special meeting with guest speaker Ron Million, W2TAP, our area's new PSEG (Public Service Electric and Gas) RFI investigator, no business was conducted at last month's meeting. Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the April 18 and May 17 meeting minutes. These minutes were accepted as issued. Thanks to the efforts of our webmaster Pat, KE2LJ, the minutes appear on the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

Bob indicated that as a result of some of the discussions with Ron, our PSEG investigator, a few members did contact PSEG regarding RFI problems and were satisfied with the results.

The membership was reminded that the period of June 24–25 is the annual ARRL Field Day. Further details and locations can be found on the ARRL web site: [www.arrl.org/field-day-locator](http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator).

With the business portion of this meeting concluding at 8:40PM, Steve, N2AJ mentioned that our guest Dave, KA2HTV, (referred to as “Doctor” Dave) would speak to the membership about his trips to North Korea around 2004 and 2005. Doctor Dave indicated that as a physician, he was part of a team bringing in medical supplies to North Korea around 2004. He did speak with some of the North Korean authorities about operating ham radio and was given some type of written permission. Over the next year he was able to gather up supplies and equipment and actually delivered them to Pyongyang in 2005 when he arrived on a new medical mission. However he never was able to operate ham radio since some higher up officials said that his permission was not authorized. Dave then spoke frankly about conditions in the present day North Korea and said that he thinks that it will be a long time before valid operating permission gets sanctioned by the new government. (See supplemental information:)

<http://www.northkoreatech.org/2013/06/11/ham-radio-operators-hope-to-put-north-korea-on-the-air/>

At the conclusion of Dave's discussion about North Korea, Steve said Dave would also talk about operating through remote ham radio. But first Steve spoke on his recent experiences about 2017 *HamExpo* at the new facility in Xenia, Ohio. Steve indicated that although they had good attendance at the *HamVention* the fact that there were a number of separate meeting/exhibition buildings, the overall experience was quite tiring. Also there were problems with the air conditioning in the facilities. Hopefully these problems will be corrected for *HamVention* 2018.

Steve also mentioned that Chris, VK3FY, will be his guest during the summer and perhaps he could set up a buffet lunch for him with club members at a restaurant over the summer. He will contact members if anything becomes definite.

Doctor Dave then spoke on his experience using the remote radio facilities of W2RE (in Maine) from his Great Neck home. Several members who were familiar with remote radio operation entered the discussion, and indicated that these stations are becoming quite popular, especially with the severe restrictions that homeowners associations mandate in new community developments regarding amateur antennas

This discussion ended at 9:45PM and Tom decided to forego the scheduled showing of Swains Island (KH8), DXpedition, N8S.

The 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 19, 2016. Tom wished the membership a happy, healthy, and DX-filled summer.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary