

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —September 18, 2012

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of September 18th at 8:20 PM, after a brief socializing period. John welcomed back members after our summer hiatus. Members present included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Karen, W2ABK; Ed, K2MFY; Steve, N2AJ; Tom, KA2D; Warren, W2WGK; and Art, N2KA.

### OLD BUSINESS

- DX discussion centered on the good propagation conditions. With the start of the Fall season, DX is improving on the HF bands—especially with limited openings on 10 and 12 meters.
- The surprise DX operation to the Republic of Kosovo is now winding down. Although the Z60K station does have a license issued by the Kosovo government, the DXCC status of this new republic is unknown. At the current time it still counts as Serbia and previous contacts have used the prefix YU8. Well known DXers OH2BH, G3TXF, N2BB, PB2T, and 9A5W are some of the participants.
- The current DXpedition to Swains Island, NH8S, has several stations active at any one time. Although signal strengths here are not too strong due to propagation, they are workable. One of the group's participants is Lou Dietrich, N2TU, a past member of the LIDXA who now lives in NC. The LIDXA is one of the major sponsors of this DXpedition, and our logo appears on the NH8S web site ([www.nh8s.org](http://www.nh8s.org)). They are expected to be departing the island around September 19.

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the June 19th 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 September meeting notice. Thanks to the efforts of KE2LJ, Pat, the minutes appear in the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>. John presented the Treasurer's report. A big expense, which was just paid, was the annual club liability insurance.

### NEW BUSINESS

It was mentioned that the annual "Run for the Warriors" would be held in Babylon, NY on Saturday, October 20. Like last year, Great South Bay ARC with Babylon ARES/RACES will provide communications for the event. The run will start at Town Hall in Babylon on Sunrise Highway and weave through many local streets in Lindenhurst.

The "Run for the Wounded Warriors" is an event sponsored by the "Wounded Warriors Project." It is a unique event dedicated to the men and women wounded in the global war on terror and their families. By uniting the entire community, military and civilian alike, this event embraces Wounded Warriors and their families in the shared belief that there is hope beyond recovery.

Radio operators will meet at the South Bay Diner across the street from Town Hall in the rear parking lot at 6AM. If you have the time to help, please contact John Melfi, W2HCB, as soon as possible to sign up. He can be reached at [w2hcb@arrl.net](mailto:w2hcb@arrl.net).

Ed mentioned that during the summer he was in contact with the office at the *Town of Oyster Ice Skating Center* and reserved this meeting room through December 2013.

A discussion ensued on the newly designed LIDXA logo. This logo was essentially the work of Dani, YB2TJV in Indonesia, a friend of Steve, N2AJ. Over the summer several of the LIDXA officers reviewed and commented on the logos presented and when the final design was approved, it was moved over to a couple of LIDXA sponsored DXpeditions, club station W2LDX, and our website ([www.qsl.net/lidxa/](http://www.qsl.net/lidxa/)). Due to the work that Dani had done on this logo design, the membership voted him in as a new Honorary Member of the club. John said he would notify Dani of this honorary status.

Ed read an email that Lou, N2TU, had posted on the difficulties that he and the group encountered operating on Swains Island due to the intense heat. Lou was starting to feel better after two days of food poisoning. After a brief discussion of the outstanding work the team was doing on Swains Island under these harsh conditions, the club voted Lou as an honorary LIDXA member-at-large. Ed said he would notify Lou of this honorary status.

It was mentioned that requests had been made for the club to donate to the future DXpeditions to Conway Reef, as 3D2C, and St. Peter & Paul Rocks. Due to the low funds the club now has for donations, it was decided to reject any contributions at least until next year.

The election for the new Hudson Division Director was approaching. Club member Mike, N2YBB, our current Section Manager, is running against the incumbent director Joyce, KA2ANF. Members were urged to vote in this important election. Balloting will be done this year via the Internet for those whose email addresses are listed with the ARRL.

Ed reported that LIDXA member Andy, W2VZQ, had sent him a letter that it would be difficult for him to attend future LIDXA meetings since he could no longer drive a car. Due to Andy's long involvement with the LIDXA, the membership voted him an honorary LIDXA member-at-large. Ed said he would notify Andy of this honorary status. Also Ed said he would update the "LIDXA Honorary Member and Members-at Large" listing and attach it to the October meeting announcement. Several members on this list are now silent keys and will be removed.

Tom, KA2D, HRU Chairman, reminded the membership that the 14th annual "Ham Radio University" will once again be held. The date is on Sunday, January 6, 2013 at *Briarcliffe College*. As in past years the club will be presenting the DX Forum. Members K2MFY, and W2GW indicated their willingness to participate in the program. The club estimated that only a one-hour slot would be needed.

Further updates in HRU 2013 can be found on [www.HamRadioUniversity.org](http://www.HamRadioUniversity.org).

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a new DVD on the highly successful January–February 2012 DXpedition to Malpelo Island, HKØNA. Over 193K QSOs were made from this island (this was a new record for a generator-powered expedition).

This meeting concluded at around 10PM after all the scheduled business had finished.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary