

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —September 16, 2014

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of September 16, 2014 at 8:20PM after a brief socializing and introduction period. John welcomed back members after our summer hiatus. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Bob, N2DXJ, and XYL Tanis; Aaron, WC2C; Rich, KB2ZPB; Art, N2KA; Karen, W2ABK; Warren, W2WGK; and guest Ken, KC2YRJ.

OLD BUSINESS

Members reported that at the conclusion of the summer, radio conditions have been picking up, with recent SFI numbers around 150. Considering that we are supposed to be around the peak of the present sunspot cycle #24, it was hoping that conditions would improve as we approach the Fall season.

Some of the following DX was reported:

- Several members announced working ZD9XF (on CW) and ZD9ZS (on SSB); both are quite active from Tristan da Cunha Island. They are scheduled to be on the island until early October.
- A very active Italian group is operating from Benin as TY1AA. The DXpedition will be in the country until September 26. QSL to I2YSB.
- Quite a few Dutch stations have been heard operating portable in Luxembourg. QSL to their home calls.
- 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 June 17 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 September meeting announcement. Thanks to the efforts of KE2LJ, Pat, the minutes appear in the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

John W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, mentioned that dues for this current year are overdue. Of our present membership only two past members have not renewed. The Treasurer's report was then presented. Always a major expense, the club's liability insurance, was paid.

Ed mentioned that early in the summer he had met with personnel from the *Town of Oyster Ice Skating Center*, and had gotten a contract that guarantees our present meeting room through December 2015. The membership thanked Ed for his efforts.

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>.

Ed mentioned that he had received a large registered mail packet of QSL cards from manager RW6HS. Ed submitted the list to this manager earlier in the year via e-mail, and paid for his service via PayPal. Quite a number of these stations confirmed were from rare ex-USSR countries and related to QSOs almost 20 years old. The complete list of DX stations that RW6HS manages can be found with his call at www.qrz.com.

Several members reported that rumors were heard about an activation of Navassa Island (KP1), off the coast of Puerto Rico. The last DXpedition was back in 1993. Further details are covered on the site <http://kp1-5.com>.

Ed indicated that after the June election, the list of the new LIDXA club officers were forwarded the ham radio newsletter "The Weekly DX," and also to our ARRL SCM, Jim, W2KFV, for publication.

It was noted that the 2014 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon is to be held at the *Towers on the Green* in Floral Park, NY on November 8 between 12 noon to 4:00 pm. Several members indicated that they planned on attending this luncheon since it is a local event this year.

A brief discussion developed on the ethics of operating DX using remote station capability.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on an early DXpedition to the South Pacific.

This meeting concluded at around 10:00PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary