

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — September 15, 2015

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of September 15, 2015 at 8:20PM after a brief socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Rich, KB2ZPB; Karen, W2ABK; Jack, NU2Q; Mark, WB2QJ, Art, N2KA; Woody, K2UU; Steve, N2AJ; Adrian, KO8SCA; Rick, K2RB, and guests Bob, W2SF (ex-member); and Keith, AC2MI.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was reported:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the last few weeks. Over the late summer the solar flux numbers have gone steadily down accompanied with noisy conditions along with several flares causing blackouts.
- Several members reported working two active D44 stations operating from Cape Verde Islands.
- The membership was reminded that early next month will be the start of the DXpedition to Chesterfield Island as TX3X. The club has donated to this DXpedition; also ex-member Les, W2LK, is part of the group.
- It was mentioned that several special event stations will be operational during Pope Francis visit to the U.S. later this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the June 16 meeting minutes. The 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 our webmaster Pat, KE2LJ, the minutes appear on the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

John W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The current membership totals are up to 30 members.

Ed was pleased to announce that he had contacted the Town of Oyster Bay, Ice Skating Rink personnel over the summertime, and had secured this room (community room #1) for LIDXA meetings (third Tuesday of the month) for the year 2016. The only conflict was that in February 2016 we would have to move the meeting to the fourth Tuesday of the month (February 23, 2016).

John mentioned that he had received a request from our Hudson Division Director, and LIDXA member, Mike, N2YBB, to place an ad for the LIDXA in the journal for the forthcoming 2015 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Banquet, to be held in Palisades Park, NJ on November 8, 2015. After a brief discussion the club approved the \$50 for a half-page sponsorship in the journal.

Steve announced that over the summer he met with foreign DXers BA1RB and later OZ1AA, and was able to arrange small luncheons for members who were available to attend the select dates/times.

Steve was also pleased to mention that N2YBB had given him the title of “Assistant Director of International Relations.”

John thanked Tom, KA2D, for posting various DX items of interest on the LIDXA site on Yahoo Groups (LIDXA@yahoogroups.com).

With the business portion of this meeting concluding at 8:40PM, LIDXA member Adrian, KO8SCA, gave a presentation on his recent DXpedition to Providenciales in the Turks & Caicos Island group in early September. Quite a number of LIDXA members were worked by Adrian. He operated under the callsign VP5/KO8SCA.

After Adrian’s presentation, John showed a video on the 1997 DXpedition to Heard Island as VKØIR.

‘ This meeting concluded at around 10PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary