

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —September 20, 2016

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 20, 2016 at 8:15PM after a brief socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Rich, KB2ZPB; Adrian, KO8SCA; Jack, NU2Q; Karen, W2ABK; Aaron, WC2C; Rick, K2RB; and guests/ex-LIDXA members, Pat, KE2LJ, and Allen, N2KW.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was mentioned:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the last couple of months. The solar flux numbers have slowly gone down accompanied with noisy conditions and several flares causing blackouts. It was mentioned that there have been some sporadic 6-meter openings.
- Several station operating from the Comoros Island as D66D have been reported. A large contingent of Czech Republic amateurs will be active from the islands for a couple of weeks.
- Some operators will be active from Pitcairn Island as VP6AH for two months starting September 19.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the June 21, 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 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 32 members. Twenty-six members have paid up their 2016 dues. John reminded all members to send him their dues by mail (\$25 was due in the early part of 2016).

The membership appreciated that Pat, KE2LJ, stopped by the club meeting on his brief visit from Florida to NY, and was warmly applauded for all the work he does as webmaster of the LIDXA site along with postings of monthly meeting minutes and holiday pictures.

The membership was reminded that due to an oversight, the regular election of Officers and Directors were not held during the May and June meetings. According to the LIDXA club's constitution, elections are to be held in even numbered years. At this time in the meeting, John stated that we would have our elections for all officers and Board of Directors for the club (years 2016-2018). By a show of hands, the following members were elected:

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

The membership congratulated these incumbent club officers and offered them support over the next two years. Ed said he would forward the list of the new club officers to the leading ham radio newsletters for publication and also to our ARRL SCM, Jim, W2KFV.

Member Adrian, KO8SCA, gave a presentation on his brief trip up to Iceland earlier in the month as TF/KO8SCA. He did meet some Icelandic amateurs and got on the air for a day from the club station at TF3IRA in Reykjavík. Several club members worked Adrian from this location.

Adrian also announced that he would be going on a seven-day holiday style DXpedition in late November from St. Barts (operating as FJ/KO8SCA). Activity will be on all bands using SSB, CW and digital modes.

At the conclusion of his DX adventures, Adrian mentioned that Part 2 of the article on his November 2015 DXpedition to Grenada has just appeared in the September/October issue of *"The DX Magazine."*

Tom, KA2D, mentioned that in August, as a team member of the Great South Bay ARC, he operated from President's Park near the White House during National Parks on the Air weekend.

On a side issue Tom reminded all members to support federal bill HR301, which allows for effective outdoor amateur radio antennas for public and emergency communications while protecting the prerogative of community associations. By going to the ARRL website you can easily forward a typical letter to your senators showing your endorsement of this bill.

Ed was pleased to announce that he had contacted the Town of Oyster Bay, Ice Skating Rink personnel early in the summer and had secured this room (community room #1) for LIDXA meetings (third Tuesday of the month) for the year 2017. The only conflict was that in February 2017 we would have to move the meeting to the fourth Tuesday of the month (February 28, 2017).

John announced that a DXpedition is planned to Bouvet Island (3YØC) in the South Atlantic Ocean sometime in early 2018. The LIDXA membership voted that we should give this very rare DXpedition a donation of \$100. For further details on this DXpedition: <http://www.bouvetdx.org/>

John mentioned that he would like to send a \$50 donation for a half-page LIDXA ad in the journal for the forthcoming 2016 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Banquet to be held in Newburgh, NY on Saturday November 5, 2016. This banquet is being hosted by our Hudson Division Director, and LIDXA member, Mike, N2YBB. The membership remarked that Mike has been doing an excellent job as Hudson Division Director and gladly approved this donation. For further details on this luncheon see: <http://hudson.arrl.org/2016-ticket-order-form/>.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the 2000 DXpedition to Bhutan as A5A.

This meeting formally concluded at around 10:10PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary