

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — September 19, 2017

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 19 at 8:30PM after an extended socializing period. John welcomed all the members back after our annual summer hiatus. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Jack, NU2Q; Art, N2KA; Tom, KA2D; Aaron, WC2C; Steve, N2AJ; Rick, K2RB; and Rich, KB2ZPB.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was mentioned:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the summer months. The solar flux numbers have been low, 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 group in the Galapagos Islands signing the call HD8M. QSL direct to WB2REM. They expect to be active until September 21.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the June 20th 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>.

John W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. Our current membership totals are 33 members and 26 members have paid their annual dues. John also paid our annual liability insurance.

It was reported that LIDXA member Adrian, KO8SCA, has joined the VK DX Group DXpedition to Christmas Island (OC-002), signing VK9XI, and expected to be operational in early October. About one week later the group will be sailing to Cocos Island (OC-003) and operating as VK9CI.

After brief discussion the club approved a \$100 donation to the November DXpedition to Mellish Reef as VK9MA. The club was reminded that, via e-mail of club members over the summer, we had donated \$100 to the Baker Island DXpedition, KH1B, scheduled for late June 2018. The LIDXA club logo now appears on their web site <http://www.baker2018.net/>.

Steve mentioned that he has been appointed to the ARRL DX Advisory Committee (DXAC).

The members discussed in depth DXing with some of the new digital modes, especially JT65 and FT8.

The discussions ended at 9PM and the club was entertained with the showing of a new video on the March-April 2016 DXpedition to Heard Island using the callsign VKØEK.

This meeting then concluded at 10:15PM after all the scheduled business had finished. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary

