

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — October 18, 2011

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of October 18 at 8:20 PM, after a brief socializing period. Members present included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Ed, K2MFY; Bob, N2DXJ and XYL, Tanis; Karen, W2ABK; Marv, W2FGD; Bob, W2PNJ; and guest Paul, K2PE.

OLD BUSINESS

- Members discussed the exciting developments confirming that excellent conditions on the higher bands have finally arrived. DX is wide open on the higher bands! The flux has recently risen to over 160, and 10/12 meters have very good with openings to all parts of the world. With the CQWW DX Contest scheduled for the last weekend in October, all the HF bands should be very active.
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- Several DXpeditions to the Africa are expected to be activated shortly. One trip is to Guinea as 3XY1D, which is expected to be operational from October 18th to November 1. Also several operators are going to Swaziland as 3D2A. Many other African stations are expected to be active during the CQ WW Contest.
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- A DXpedition to Malpelo Island has been scheduled for early 2012. The tentative callsign will be HKØNA. Further information is on their site: <http://hk0na.com/>. The Colombian authorities have been contacted on permits and licenses for the expedition. It is expected that there will be eight Columbian and four international operators.

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the September 20, 2011 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 June meeting notice. Thanks to the efforts of KE2LJ, Pat, the minutes appear in the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

John reminded the membership that the LIDXA dues would be increased to \$25 starting January 2012. This increase was approved by the membership in the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

During the past month the Board of Directors of the club voted to approve a \$100 donation to the HKØNA DXpedition to Malpelo Island.

Tom, KA2D, HRU Chairman, reminded the membership that the 13th annual "Ham Radio University" will once again be held. The date is on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at *Briarcliffe College*. As in past years the club will be presenting the DX Forum. Members W2FGD, K2MFY, N2AJ, and W2GW indicated their willingness to participate in the program. Scheduled time will be from approximately 9:50 to 11:50AM.

Further updates in HRU 2011 can be found on www.HamRadioUniversity.org.

Added to this years' programs will be a brief description of the various local clubs prepared by a spokesperson for the subject club. Ed offered to do this short presentation for the LIDXA.

On the subject of future events, the club decided to hold the Annual Holiday Party on Tuesday December 13. This party will be in lieu of a December meeting. Ed has checked the availability of the *Star Diner* in Hicksville and mentioned that they would keep their 2010 price (\$26 per person) and menu the same as last year. Ed said notices would be going out soon to the membership detailing all the arrangements.

Tom, KA2D, mentioned that the annual "Run for the Warriors" would be held in Babylon on Sunday, November 13th. 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 diner across the street from Town Hall in the rear parking lot at 7:00AM. The event should end by 12 noon. The event will need at least 60 volunteers this year. 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.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a new DVD on the DXpedition to South Orkney Islands (as VP8ORK) from January 27 to February 8, 2011. The total QSO count was over 64,000 contacts. This operation was awarded the "DXpedition of the Year" at the 2011 Dayton Hamvention.

This meeting concluded at around 10:10PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary