

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —October 15, 2013

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 15, 2013 at 8:10PM after a brief socializing period. Members present included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Bob, N2DXJ, and XYL Tanis; Karen, W2ABK; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Bob, W2PNJ; Rich, KB2ZPB; Warren, W2WGK; Mark, WB2QJ; Jane, KC2NOT; Aaron, WC2C; Rick, K2RB; and guest Jeff, KC2ZQO.

OLD BUSINESS

- Members were quite happy to report that for the past few weeks radio conditions have been very good. Perhaps it is the approach of the Fall equinox. The SFI has been around 125 and some DX has been worked on 12 and 10 meters. The following DX was reported:
- The long-anticipated K9W Wake Island DXpedition <http://www.wake2013.org/> has been put on hold because of the US government shutdown, "pending a revised schedule," the organizers said in an announcement on the K9W webpage. The DXpedition was expected to kick off October 7 and continue until October 18. It depends upon availability of USAF transport aircraft, and flights are only every 2 weeks. Lou, N2TU, ex-member of LIDXA, is an active participant of this DXpedition. The LIDXA made a sizeable donation to this DXpedition.
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- A planned DXpedition to Amsterdam Island in the south Indian Ocean operating under the callsign FT5ZM, continues to progress. The start date will be in January 2014. Further details are found on their site at: www.amsterdamdxdx.org
- Several members reported working the station 9XØZM in Kigali, Rwanda. QSL via JO1CRA.
- A number of amateurs are operating from the Dagoë Mercy ship, which is situated off the Republic of Congo. They are using the callsign TN2MS. Check their web site at www.tn2ms.nl for more data on their mission and QSL information.
- There is a present DXpedition to Mayotte Island in the Indian Ocean with the callsign TO2TT. Expected dates of operation are from October 3 through 17. They have a real-time log. Ed mentioned that about one minute after working TO2TT he went on their log search and found his recent contact already listed.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the September 17 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 October meeting announcement.

Back in the June meeting, several members brought up the possibility of purchasing hats with the LIDXA logo, providing there is club interest. A brief discussion developed on setup charge, prices/quantities. Steve, N2AJ, mentioned that he has high resolution LIDXA logo artwork and could supply it to a supplier. Bob, W2PNJ, indicated that he has a supplier for the hats and discussed setup charge, prices/quantities.

During the intervening time John took all the information from Bob, including the suggested manufacturer's web site/telephone number, contacts and reported on his findings. A charcoal colored cap was tentatively chosen with the new LIDXA logo. It was concluded that the one-time setup charge of \$40 would be paid for out of the club treasury, while \$20 would need to be collected from each member interested in the purchase. The membership agreed on this fee and John collected \$20 for twelve members at this time. It was determined that an order of 18 caps would shortly be placed. A few of the extra hats would be obtained for club guests. John said he would report the order status to the membership in the November meeting.

On the subject of future events, the club voted to hold the Annual Holiday Party on Tuesday December 17. This party will be in lieu of a December meeting. It was decided that this year the club would not hold the dinner at the *Star Diner* in Hicksville, but would try the venue at *DJ's International Buffet* on 1100 Stewart Avenue in Garden City (<http://djsbuffet.com>). That restaurant was where the LIDXA had a special dinner in March for guest Larry Arneson, NØQM, better known as VQ9LA. Steve said he would get further details and firm up party details at the November meeting.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, club Vice President Tom, KA2D gave a detailed *PowerPoint* presentation on the ARRL's "Log Book of the World" (LOTW).

This meeting concluded at around 10PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next LIDXA meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary