

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —October 20, 2015

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 20, 2015 at 8:15PM after a brief socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Rich, KB2ZPB; Karen, W2ABK; Jack, NU2Q; Steve, N2AJ; Adrian, KO8SCA; Rick, K2RB, Frank, N2FF; Bob, W2PNJ; Aaron, WC2C; and guest Bob, K2YGM (ex-member).

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was reported:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the last few weeks. The solar flux numbers have gone down accompanied with noisy conditions and several flares causing blackouts.
- The membership discussed the DXpedition to Chesterfield Island as TX3X, which had concluded around October 12. This DXpedition had encountered poor propagation and severe weather conditions. The club donated to this DXpedition—also ex-member Les, W2LK, was part of the group.
- It was mentioned that Zorro, JH1AJT, was headed back to Eritrea and expected to be operational with the callsign E4ØFB from October 16-22.
- In celebration of the 70th anniversary of United Nations Day, 4U7ØUN will be QRV from the United Nations Headquarters in New York City on 24-25 October 2015. The operating location at the UN has not been determined.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the September 15 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 October 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. Several members have already paid up their 2016 dues (\$25 due in the early part of 2016).

John mentioned that he had sent a \$50 donation for a half-page LIDXA ad in the journal for the forthcoming 2015 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Banquet, to be held in Palisades Park, NJ on November 8, 2015. 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.

John mentioned that Art, N2KA, posted a link entitled "Stunning Natural Beauty" on Yahoo Groups (LIDXA@yahoogroups.com—LIDXA Digest Number 474 on October 17). This short video portrayed magnificent landscapes on some exotic DXCC islands.

The membership was reminded that the 17th annual “*Ham Radio University*” will once again be held early next year. The date is on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at *Briarcliffe College*. This year HRU will feature 30 forums and three workshops. Keynote speaker will be Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, ARRL Chief Executive Officer. As in past years, the club will be presenting the DX Forum. Members W2GW and K2MFY have indicated their willingness to participate in the program. Further updates in HRU 2016 can be found on <http://hamradiouniversity.org/>.

The membership was reminded the annual CQ World Wide contest (SSB) will be scheduled for the October 24-25 weekend. The CW portion will be held over the November 28-29 weekend.

It was briefly mentioned that the club would be holding our Annual Holiday Party in December, in lieu of a monthly meeting. It was suggested that we should look again into *Rosemarie’s Restaurant* (www.rosemariepizza.com) in Farmingdale. This was where the party was held in 2015. Ed said that he would see if *Rosemarie’s Restaurant* is still offering their special \$9.95 pasta night on Monday evenings.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the 2005 DXpedition to Kerguelen Island as FT5XO.

At the conclusion of this meeting, guest Bob, K2YGM (ex-member) paid his dues to rejoin the club.

This meeting formally concluded at around 10:00PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary