

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —October 18, 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 October 18, 2016 at 8:15PM after a brief socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Jack, NU2Q; Karen, W2ABK; Bob, K2YGM; Ken, KC2YRJ; Art, N2KA; Warren, W2WGK; guest George, N2HO (formerly UA6HTR and UD6DA); ex-LIDXA member Allen, N2KW with DX guest Dov, 4Z4DX. and YL, Annette.

### 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 are still dropping accompanied with noisy conditions and several flares causing blackouts. It was mentioned that there have been some sporadic 6-meter openings.
- A group of German operators have been active from Sao Tome as S9YY between October 8-23. They plan to operate in CW, SSB and digital modes on HF and 2 m EME.
- Some Japanese operators are 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 September 20, 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 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 32 members. All but six members have paid up their 2016 dues.

Ed said he had forwarded the list of the new 2016-2018 club officers (as voted in the September meeting), to our ARRL SCM Jim, W2KFV, and also the leading ham radio newsletters for publication.

Bob, K2YGM, indicated that he had spoken to an employee of PSEG regarding the company's concern with electrical interference to amateur radio stations. Bob said that PSEG would be very cooperative in working with hams in isolating and eliminating power line noises from their equipment. On that positive note John requested that Bob act as liaison between the club and the PSEG cognizant personnel, perhaps even setting up an informative meeting. Bob agreed to be the liaison in this role.

Ed reminded the membership that the annual CQWW DX contest (SSB) will be held over the October 29-30 weekend.

Tom, KA2D, said try to schedule a joint YCCC (Yankee Contest Clipper Club)/LIDXA meeting for our next November 15 LIDXA meeting.

The club voted to have our annual Holiday Party at *Rosemarie's Restaurant* ([www.rosemariepizza.com](http://www.rosemariepizza.com)) in Farmingdale on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30PM. Their address is: 188 Merritts Rd., Farmingdale, NY. Tel. 516-531-9801. We had our holiday parties there for the last two years. This party will be in lieu of our December LIDXA meeting. On Tuesday nights Rosemarie's offers a special Seafood dinner which consists of salad, seafood (choice of all sorts of shrimp dishes, salmon, clams, etc.) and dessert. Cost is \$13.95 plus tip and tax. Ed said he would verify all this information with the restaurant and send out an e-mail notice to the membership regarding this party and provide the restaurant a headcount a few days before the 13th of December.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the 1993 DXpedition to the Pacific island of Howland Island as AH1A, located near the intersection of the equator and the International Date Line. Over 52,000 QSOs were made on this two-week DXpedition. The island is best known as a possible destination of the ill-fated final flight of Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan in 1937 when she was attempting to circumnavigate the globe when the plane disappeared somewhere near Howland Island

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary