

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — October 17, 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 October 17 at 8:25PM after an extended socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Jack, NU2Q; Steve, N2AJ; Rick, K2RB; Rich, KB2ZPB; Bob, K2TV; Bob, K2YGM; Walt, W2TE; Bob, W2PNJ; Karen, W2ABK with OM Bruce; and guests, Dave, KA2HTV and George, N2HO.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was mentioned:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the past month. The solar flux numbers have been less than 75, accompanied with noisy conditions. The low bands are fairly good, but noisy, from about 7PM to 11PM.
- Several members reported working a group in the Lakshadweep Islands (Agatti Island) using the call VU7T. They expect to be active until October 20.
- Latvian operators YL3GM and YL3AIW will be putting on a DXpedition to both Annobon Island (as 3C0L) through October 25, and Bioko Island in Equatorial Guinea (as 3CØL) through November 12.
- It was reported that the station RI1F up in Viktoriya Island (Arctic Circle) is part of Franz Josef Land, and was on a new IOTA (EU-190).

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the September 19th 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. No expenses were incurred in the past month.

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 team will be sailing to Cocos Island (OC-003) and operating as VK9CI. Adrian has also joined the group that will operate from Spratley Islands as 9MØM in March 2018.

After brief discussion the club approved a \$100 donation to the planned DXpedition to St. Brandon Island (3B7) in April 2018. Their web site is <http://www.saintbrandondx.com/>

With the holiday season approaching in a few months the membership decided to hold our annual Holiday party on December 12, 6:30PM, at *DJ's International Buffet* on 1100 Stewart Avenue in Garden City (<http://djsbuffet.com>). The club has had a numbers of parties there in previous times. This Holiday dinner will be in lieu of a December LIDXA meeting. Steve, N2AJ, said he would reserve the date/time with the restaurant and get back to the membership at the November meeting.

The club discussed the Hurricane Maria that recently went through the Caribbean and Puerto Rico. In particular member Bob, K2TV, highlighted the public service work that he participated in while handling traffic from Puerto Rico. These efforts were detailed in the October Club Newsletter of the Great South Bay ARC.

With the business portion of this meeting concluding at 9PM, John introduced our guest Dave, KA2HTV, (referred to as “Doctor” Dave) talking on his experience using the remote radio facilities of W2RE (in Maine) from his Great Neck home. Several members who were familiar with remote radio operation entered the discussion and indicated that these stations are becoming quite popular, especially with the severe restrictions that homeowners’ associations mandate in new community developments regarding amateur antennas

Dave then went on to explain that he has set up a remote radio station in his new property in Lubec, Maine near Bangor. Dave went into the details on the construction and technical operation of this remote radio facility.

This discussion ended at 9:50PM. Due to the late time John decided to forego the scheduled showing of Swains Island (KH8) DXpedition, N8S, to a later date.

This meeting then concluded at 9:55PM after all the scheduled business had finished. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary