

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — November 15, 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 November 15 at 8:25 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; and Marv, W2FGD.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Members discussed the excellent conditions on the higher bands. DX is prevalent on the higher bands. The flux has recently is on the rise and 10/12 meters have very good with openings to all parts of the world. With the CW portion of the CQWW DX Contest scheduled for the last weekend in November, all the HF bands should be very active.
- A station from Niue, ZK2V, has been very active on all bands. He is expected to be on the island for a few weeks.
- Members of the Pacific DXers are currently active from Tuvalu as T2T. They should be on Tuvalu from November 10 through December 4, 2011.
- A Swiss ham, HB9IQB, will operate from Palestine over the Christmas holidays on CW, SSB and RTTY. He will be focusing on 30, 17, and 12 meters.
- A DXpedition to Malpelo Island has been scheduled for early 2012. The callsign will be HKØNA. The expected dates of operation will be January 21 through February 6, 2012. Four team members will travel with all equipment, radios, antennas and infrastructure to Malpelo in early January. They will arrive about two weeks prior to the rest of the team and will set up camp, the two operating sites, radios and antennas. They will spend about 30 days on the island. This will allow the rest of the team to begin radio operations immediately upon arrival by chartered vessel. It is expected that there will be eight Columbian and four international operators. Further information is on their site: <http://hk0na.com/>.

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the October 18, 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 November 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

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. Scheduled time will be from approximately 9:50 to 11:50AM. Members W2FGD, K2MFY, N2AJ, and W2GW indicated their willingness to participate in the program. Also Bill, W2UDT, from the NJDXA will end our session with a presentation on the W2 incoming QSL bureau. Further updates in HRU 2012 can be found on [www.HamRadioUniversity.org](http://www.HamRadioUniversity.org).

Steve, N2AJ, mentioned that the club recently signed up a new member Paul Angelides, K2PE.

The club will hold the annual holiday party on Tuesday December 13 at the *Star Diner* in Hicksville. This party will be in lieu of a December meeting. The complete dinner price (including tax and tip). Ed said notices have gone out to the membership detailing all the arrangements. Approximately 12 members, with guests, have already indicated that they will be attending.

Marv, W2FGD, reminded the membership to check-in at the LIDXA weekly nets on Sunday night at 9 PM local time on the Grumman Hauppauge repeater at 145.330/144.730 MHz (with 136.5 Hz PL), to get the latest information on club matters and events. Marv mentioned his concern that only a few “regulars” attend the Sunday night net. A discussion ensued which highlighted the fact that much DX happenings, bulletin details, QSL information, etc. could also be obtained on the internet or on-line bulletins. Several members presented their viewpoints and opinions regarding the viability of the club weekly net.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the multi-national DXpedition to Peter 1st Island (as 3YØX) in February 2006.

This meeting concluded at around 10:15PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. Since there will be no meeting in December, the next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. John wished the membership a good holiday and hoped that he would see us all at the holiday party in December or at HRU 2012 on January 8, 2012.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary