

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —November 20, 2012

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 20th at 8:10 PM, after a brief socializing period. Members present included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Bob, N2DXJ, and XYL Tanis; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; and Art, N2KA.

OLD BUSINESS

- DX discussion centered on the fair propagation conditions. The solar flux numbers have been rising and then falling; unfortunately the current propagation does not support reliable propagation on 10 and 12 meters.
- The forthcoming DXpedition to Auckland & Campbell Island is still on track for November 28–December 9. LIDXA is one of the sponsors for this Dxpediton. See www.zl9hr.com for information.
- Several members reported working the station V84SMD in Brunei. The operation will last from November 11–23.
- The DXpedition on St. Peter & Paul Rocks, as PTØS, are in full operation. Unfortunately the large split the operators listen on has been causing much consternation.
- There are plans to have two DXpeditions to Temotu Island. One should be operational towards the end of this year and another one is scheduled for March 2013.
- A new DXpedition is in the works to Clipperton Island for late February through mid-March 2013. The callsign assigned is TX5K. Further details can be found at <http://www.cordell.org/CI/>.

OLD BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the October 16th 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 also presented the Treasurer's report. The (\$25) dues for the year 2013 are expected in the beginning of the New Year.

Several members who operated the SSB portion of the CQ WorldWide Contest reported on the fair conditions over the October 27–28 weekend. The CW portion will be held over the November 24–25th weekend.

A general discussion developed on the recent “Super Storm, Sandy” in the metropolitan area. Most members indicated that they had power outages for only a few hours and also up to ten days. Fortunately there were no devastating flood/personal injury damages reported, although a few members did have antenna and equipment damages.

NEW BUSINESS

The Annual Holiday Party will be held on Tuesday December 11. This party will be in lieu of a December meeting. Ed said that the *Star Diner* in Hicksville is keeping their price (\$26 per person) and menu the same as last year. Several members gave Ed their entrée selections. Ed said he would send out the menu along with directions to the diner to all members in a follow up e-mail.

The membership was notified that club member Mike, N2YBB, our current Section Manager, was just elected as the new ARRL Hudson Division Director. The club applauded Mike's successful campaign and looked forward to his leadership for our Division in the future.

Tom, KA2D, HRU Chairman, reminded the membership that the 14th annual "Ham Radio University" will once again be held. Next year the date is on Sunday, January 6, 2013 at *Briarcliffe College*. As in past years the club will be presenting the DX Forum. Members W2GW, and K2MFY indicated their willingness to participate in the program. Further updates in HRU 2013 can be found on www.HamRadioUniversity.org.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the multi-national DXpedition to Rotuma Island (as 3D2R) in October 2011.

This meeting concluded at around 9:30PM 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 15, 2013. John wished the membership a good holiday and hoped that he would see us all at the holiday party in December or at HRU 2013 on January 6, 2013.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary