

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —November 19, 2013

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 19, 2013 at 8:15PM after a brief socializing period. Members present included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Bob, N2DXJ, and XYL Tanis; Karen, W2ABK; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Bob, W2PNJ; Rich, KB2ZPB; Warren, W2WGK; Aaron, WC2C; Rick, K2RB; Frank, N2FF; Art, N2KA, and Mike, N2YBB.

OLD BUSINESS

- Members were quite happy to report that for the past few weeks radio conditions have been very good. Perhaps it is the approach of the Winter solstice. The SFI has been around 150, sometimes reaching 175, and DX has been worked on all HF bands. Some of the following DX was reported:
- The long-anticipated K9W Wake Island DXpedition <http://www.wake2013.org/> has finally occurred. Although signals were not too strong, most members reported that they did work K9W on at least one band. Lou, N2TU, ex-member of LIDXA, is an active participant of this DXpedition. The LIDXA made a sizeable donation to this DXpedition.
- Some long path openings have been reported to Southeast Asia on 10 meters in the morning around 8AM local time.
- A planned DXpedition to Amsterdam Island in the south Indian Ocean, operating under the callsign FT5ZM, continues to progress. The start date will be in January 2014. Further details are found on their site at: www.amsterdamdx.org
- Operations were heard and worked from the Pacific Ocean area; namely, TX5RV (Austral Islands), 5JØR (San Andres Island), XRØYY and CEØYHO (Easter Island), V73NS (Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands), and XRØZR (Juan Fernandez Islands).

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the October 15 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 announcement. Thanks to the efforts of KE2LJ, Pat, the minutes appear in the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

John, W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. Members were reminded that dues (in the amount of \$25) for the year 2014 are expected. John suggested that members give or mail him their dues at their earliest convenience.

John indicated that he had received the new caps that the club members had ordered last month. These hats were distributed to the paid-up members. The club thanked Bob, W2PNJ, for bringing up the subject of hats in our spring meeting, and to John for handling the correspondences and ordering. Then Steve, N2AJ, took a group picture of members wearing these new hats. Steve said he would forward the picture to Ed for transmittal to KE2LJ for display on the club's web site. One of the caps was put aside for Steve to send to honorary LIDXA member Dani, YB2TJV, who designed the new club logo.

With a late March 2014 DXpedition scheduled for Mellish Reef, the club voted to donate \$100 to this operation. Our logo will appear on the VK9MT web site: <http://www.vk9mt.com/>

A brief discussion was held on the recent typhoon in the Philippines. One of our honorary members, Robin, DU9RG, was reported safe.

Ed reminded the membership that if you still have any of the "old" Doha International Reply Coupons (IRCs), they expire at the end of this year. You can bring them to your local post office and they should give you a new US Air Mail stamp ("Forever"), less one cent. They are not supposed to accept IRCs if the issuing post office for the IRC is stamped "US" It is also a good idea to copy the pages from P.O. regulations concerning IRCs (paragraph 381), as most clerks never saw IRCs before, much less know what to do about redeeming them.

On the subject of upcoming events, the club will hold our Annual Holiday Party on Tuesday December 17. This party will be in lieu of a December meeting, and would be held at *DJ's International Buffet* on 1100 Stewart Avenue in Garden City (<http://djsbuffet.com>). This restaurant was where the LIDXA had a special dinner in March for guest Larry Arneson, NØQM, better known as VQ9LA. Steve, N2AJ, will be handling the details and said the buffet would be \$18.95 plus a 12 percent tip. Approximately 15 members said they definitely would be attending. Steve said he would get further details out to the membership in the next few weeks.

Tom, KA2D, HRU Chairman, reminded the membership that the 15th annual "Ham Radio University" will once again be held. The date is on Sunday, January 5, 2014 at *Briarcliffe College*. This year HRU will feature 28 forums and two workshops. LIDXA member and Hudson Division Director, Mike, N2YBB, will be the keynote speaker. 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 2014 can be found on www.HamRadioUniversity.org.

The membership was reminded that the CW portion of the CQWW contest would be held this coming weekend.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, the club was entertained with the Dxpediton to San Felix Island, as CEØXA, way back in 1965.

This meeting concluded at around 9:45PM 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 21, 2014, where we expect to have a joint meeting with members of the Yankee Contest Clipper Club (YCCC).

John wished the membership a good holiday and hoped that he would see us all at the holiday party in December or at HRU 2014 on January 5, 2014.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary

