

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — November 18, 2014

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 18, 2014 at 8:12PM after a brief socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Aaron, WC2C; Rich, KB2ZPB; Steve, N2AJ; and Art, N2KA

OLD BUSINESS

Members reported that radio conditions have been up and down. Although the SFI has been high, the A index has also risen, given rise to noisy and unsettling propagation. Considering that we are supposed to be around the peak of the present sunspot cycle #24, it was hoping that conditions would improve as we enter the Fall season.

Some of the following DX was reported:

- Several members reported about a DXpedition in early 2015 to Navassa Island (KP1), off the coast of Puerto Rico. The last DXpedition was back in 1993. Further details are covered on the site <http://kp1-5.com>. One of the team members is Lou, N2TU, an ex-member of the LIDXA.
- There is presently a DXpedition to Neil Islands in the Andamans Island group as VU4KV. Propagation has been very spotty to the East Coast of the USA.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the October 21, 2014 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 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 2015 are expected. John suggested that members give or mail him their dues at their earliest convenience. In this regards a number of present members paid John their 2015 dues.

With added funds expected in the club's treasury John indicated that three major DXpeditions are coming up early in 2015. These countries are Navassa Island, K1N, in January; Iran, EP6T, in January; and Eritrea later in the year. John suggested a \$100 donation to each of these DXpeditions. After a lengthy discussion, the club decided to approve these expenditures. John said he would send out the funds to the appropriate sources.

ARRL centennial stations are quite active. Two new special stations, operating portable in each state and most territories, signing W1AW/#, go on the air starting every Tuesday night for one week. Full details on this event and all activities for the year can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party>.

It was with deep regret that we heard that Shelly Weil, K2BS, a long-time member of the LIDXA and one of its founders has recently passed away. Shelly was voted in as the LIDXA's first "member at large" after moving down to Florida in 1996. Shelly was a very active DXer and after working all the active DXCC countries he started over from his mobile car. He had over 300 confirmed this way.

It was noted that the annual CQ WW DX Contest, CW mode, will be held over the weekend of November 29–30.

On the subject of upcoming events, the club discussed the Annual Holiday Party. Since both John, W2GW and Ed, K2MFY will be away for the first two weeks of December, it decided that the club hold the dinner after the Christmas holiday on Monday, December 29.

As far as a venue, Steve, N2AJ suggested we return to *DJ's International Buffet* on 1100 Stewart Avenue in Garden City (<http://djsbuffet.com>). That was where the party was held in 2013.

Ed suggested that we should also look into *Rosemarie's Restaurant* (www.rosemariepizza.com) in Farmingdale or the newly renovated *Farmingdale Diner* on Hempstead Turnpike in Farmingdale. Ed gave details on these two restaurants and mentioned that *Rosemarie's Restaurant* has a special \$9.95 pasta night on Monday evenings.

After a brief discussion the club voted that we return to *DJ's International Buffet*. Ed said he would send out notification to the membership. Steve said he would handle all the details with the *DJ's International Buffet*.

The membership was reminded that the membership that the 16th annual "*Ham Radio University*" will once again be held. The date is on Sunday, January 4, 2015 at *Briarcliffe College*. This year HRU will feature 28 forums and two workshops. Keynote Speaker will be Mike Corey, KI1U, ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager. As in past years, the club will be presenting the DX Forum. Members W2GW, and K2MFY have indicated their willingness to participate in the program. Further updates in HRU 2015 can be found on www.HamRadioUniversity.org.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the 2005 DXpedition to Kerguelen Island as FT5XO.

This meeting concluded at around 10:00PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished.

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 4, 2015. The next meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday January 20, 2015.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary