

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —November 17, 2015

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 17, 2015 at 8:30PM after a brief socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Rich, KB2ZPB; Steve, N2AJ; Adrian, KO8SCA; Rick, K2RB, Woody, K2UU; Tom, KA2D; Bob, N2DXJ and XYL Tanis; Bob, W2OSR; and Aaron, WC2C.

### OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was mentioned:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the last few weeks. The solar flux numbers have gone down accompanied with noisy conditions and several flares causing blackouts.
- It was announced that an international DXpedition team is currently active from Willis Island, as VK9WA. They intend to be there until November 23. However due to poor conditions only a few members reported hearing the station.
- Some members reported working S79CD from Seychelles. The operator, DK4CD, has been noted on 15m SSB.

### NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the October 20 meeting minutes. Except for one correction, 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 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. The current membership totals are up to 31 members. Seven members have already paid up their 2016 dues (\$25 due in the early part of 2016).

John mentioned that he had ordered the new DVD on the February 2015 Navassa Island DXpedition, K1N, for \$25. The membership looked forward to watching it at a later meeting.

Club members were informed that the 17th annual "*Ham Radio University*" will once again be held early next year. The date is on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at *Briarcliffe College*. This year HRU will feature 30 forums and three workshops. Keynote speaker will be Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, ARRL Chief Executive Officer. 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 2016 can be found on <http://hamradiouniversity.org/>.

Tom, KA2D, said that he would try to schedule a joint YCCC (Yankee Contest Clipper Club)/LIDXA meeting in this room for the early part of 2016. Ed mentioned that although we always hold our LIDXA meetings on the third Tuesday of the month, due to a scheduling conflict with the *Town of Oyster Bay* in February, the meeting for that month must be held on February 23, the fourth Tuesday of the month. Tom said he would check with the YCCC for a suitable date.

LIDXA member Adrian, KO8SCA, informed the club that he will be on Grenada Island during the week of November 22 and plans to operate as J3/KO8SCA. The club wished him a good time and hoped that he would put together a presentation on his “DXpedition” at a future meeting.

The membership was reminded the annual CQ World Wide contest (CW) is scheduled for the November 28-29 weekend.

The club voted to have our annual Holiday Party at *Rosemarie’s Restaurant* ([www.rosemariespizza.com](http://www.rosemariespizza.com)) in Farmingdale on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30PM. Their address is: 188 Merritts Rd., Farmingdale, NY. Tel. 516-531-9801. We had our 2014 party there last year. This party will be in lieu of our December LIDXA meeting. On Tuesday nights Rosemarie’s offers a special Seafood dinner which consists of salad, seafood (choice of all sorts of shrimp dishes, salmon, clams, etc.) and dessert. Cost is \$13.95 plus tip and tax. Ed said he would send out an e-mail notice to the membership regarding this party and provide the restaurant a headcount a few days before the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the 2011-2012 DXpedition to Malpelo Island as HKØNA.

This meeting formally 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 on December 15 or at HRU 2016 on January 10, 2016. The next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday January 19, 2016.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary