

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —January 16, 2018

Location: *Town of Oyster Ice Skating Center, Community Room 1, Bethpage, N.Y.*

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of January 16 at 8:35PM after an extended socializing period with miscellaneous technical discussions. Member/guests were welcomed back to the first meeting of the New Year. Present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Jack, NU2Q; Steve, N2AJ and XYL Margaret; Bob, K2YGM; Art, N2KA; Karen, W2ABK; Gerry, K1NY; Rich, KB2ZPB and guest/ex-member Allan, N2KW.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was mentioned:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the past month. The solar flux numbers have been around 75, accompanied with noisy conditions. The low bands are fairly good, but noisy.
- Several members reported working the station 6O6O from Garowe, Somalia. The operators are LIDXA member Adrian, KO8SCA and also Ken, LA7GIA. QSL to MØOXO.
- A DXpedition had just started up from Eritrea as E31A. This international group expects to be in Asmara until January 23.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the November 21, 2017 meeting minutes. These minutes were accepted as issued. 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 total is 35 members. The annual 2018 dues of \$25 are now due. About one-third of the membership has already paid up their dues.

In advance of the Somalia, 6O6O DXpedition, John forwarded a donation of \$100 to the "Doctors without Borders" foundation. Although donations were not sought to cover the ham side of the trip, this request was made by operators KO8SCA and LA7GIA as a humanitarian contribution.

Steve mentioned that the annual holiday party held on December 12, 2017 was very successful at *DJ's International Buffet* in Garden City. Over 20 members and guests showed up at the party. A picture of the attendees is currently displayed on the club's website.

John spoke about the club's participation in the January 6, 2018 19th annual "*Ham Radio University*" at *LIU Post*, in Brookville. This was a new location for HRU. HRU featured over 30 forums and two workshops. Keynote speaker was Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, ARRL Hudson Division Director and LIDXA member. As in past years, the club presented the DX Forum. Members W2GW and K2MFY participated in the DX activities while Bill, W2UDT, from the NJDXA, highlighted a summary of the operations of the W2 QSL bureau.

It was reported that an old-time member of the LIDXA member Tony Cipolla, W2QL, had passed away. Tony was a long-time member of the LIDXA and was the Sunday night net control station for many years.

Steve, N2AJ, gave a brief discussion on the politics that are ongoing with the ARRL Directors and some of the proposed changes in the By-Laws.

Ed reminded the membership that the February meeting of the LIDXA will be held one week later, on February 27. This is necessary since our meeting room will be used on February 20 for Town of Oyster Bay activities.

With the business portion of this meeting concluding at 9PM, John showed the DVD on the 1993 DXpedition to Howland Island as AH1A. This multi-national DXpedition grossed over 50,000 QSOs. The video showed that the expected 9-day DXpedition was extended to 15 days due to bad weather and stormy seas.

The meeting then concluded at 9:30PM after all the scheduled business had finished. The next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday February 28, the fourth Tuesday in the month.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary