

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING –January 15, 2019

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting at 8:20PM. Member/guests were welcomed back to the first meeting of the New Year. Present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Jack, NU2Q; Rich, KB2ZPB; Art, N2KA; Bob, W2OSR, Walt, W2TE; Gerry, K1NY; Adrian, KO2SCA; Karen, W2ABK and OM Bruce; and guests, Lou, NO2C; Salli, K2RYD; Robert, KA2ZIU, and Alan, N2KW.

### OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following brief DX was briefly noted:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the past month. The solar flux numbers have been around or below 70, accompanied with noisy conditions. The low bands are fairly good, but noisy.
- It was mentioned that very active DXpedition, 9LY1JM, is very active from Banana Island, off the coast of Sierra Leone. QSL via F5GSJ or OQRS service.
- Several members reported that Bernie, W3UR, editor of the "The Weekly DX" newsletter was active on 30 meters during his vacation from St. Kitts.
- Activity from E51DWC in Rarotonga, South Cook Island, can be found on 20meters CW, both long path/short paths, in the late afternoon.

First order of business was the approval of the November 20, 2018 meeting minutes issued by LIDXA Secretary, Ed, K2MFY. 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>. Ed added that he is reviewing the LIDXA website and will be sending shortly sending Pat any corrections and additions.

John, W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The annual 2019 dues of \$25 are now due. About one-third of the membership has already paid up. John mentioned that he would be issuing a new club roster shortly reflecting deletion of members who never paid their 2018 dues.

John spoke about the club's participation in the January 5, 2019, 20th annual "*Ham Radio University*" at *LIU Post*, in Brookville. HRU featured over 30 forums and two workshops. Keynote speaker was Howard Michel, WB2ITX, ARRL new Chief Executive Officer. 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.

Steve mentioned that the annual holiday party held on December 10, 2018 was very successful at *DJ's International Buffet* in Garden City. About 13 members and guests showed up at the party. A picture of the attendees is currently displayed on the club's web site.

## NEW BUSINESS

At the outset of this meeting was discussion on the imminent DXpedition to Bouvet Island by the Rebel DX group. They will be using the callsign 3YØI, and the group's leader is Dom, 3Z9DX. One of their pilot stations will be Steve, N2AJ, for North America (East Coast). It has been reported that their cargo is loaded, and fuel tanks filled. When the South African authorities finish reclassifying and certifying the vessel, there will be a dry run, then they team is off to Bouvet. Their web site is [www.rebeldxgroup.com](http://www.rebeldxgroup.com).

In terms of the past team (3YØZ) that could not land on Bouvet and subsequently canceled their trip, the members of LIDXA agreed that they would donate the club's contribution to future efforts of this team.

John mentioned that in early March there is a planned DXpedition, by RA1ZZ and others, to Robinson Crusoe island as XRØZRC (in the Juan Fernandez Islands group-CEØZ). The team is planning four stations on all HF bands during more than two weeks. The DXpedition's website is: [www.dxpediton.wixsite.com/xr0zrc](http://www.dxpediton.wixsite.com/xr0zrc). John said we should consider a possible donation in the next LIDXA meeting.

At this point in the meeting club member Adrian, KO8SCA, spoke about some of his past and future DXpedition efforts.

Recently Adrian, along with Cezar, VE3LYC, operated from a new Pacific island, Morane Atoll (TXØM, OC-297) and then Marie Est Atoll (TXØA, OC-113) during the December 3-December 18 timeframe. These atolls are located in the French Polynesia island group in the Pacific Ocean. Adrian described the difficulties and hardships both amateurs experienced in these remote atolls.

In the early part of February Adrian will join an international team headed to Brunei Darussalem. They will be using a special callsign of V84SAA. The timeframe will be the period from February 6 through February 18. The stations will focus on the low bands but will have a presence in the WARC bands. This may be a difficult path for stations on the east coast of the US. Their web site is [www.v84saa.com](http://www.v84saa.com)

Finally Adrian announced he will be a part of another international DXpedition of amateurs going to the Tokelau Islands (ZK3) during the October 1 through October 15 timeframe. This island group is in the South Pacific Ocean half-way between Hawaii and New Zealand. The DXpedition website is <https://tokelau2019.com/>

The club applauded Adrian on all of his past and future DX efforts and ensured that the LIDXA membership will support these DXpeditions whenever possible.

With the business portion of this meeting concluding at 9:15PM, John showed the scheduled DVD. At the conclusion of the DVD guests Lou, NO2C; and Salli, K2RYD; handed in their membership application along with the 2019 dues. The membership welcomed these new two members to the club.

The meeting then concluded at 10:05PM after all the scheduled business had finished. Ed mentioned that usually in February the Town of Oyster Bay uses our meeting room for town business. Since Ed had not heard about any changes for our scheduled February meeting, our next meeting will be on February 19 unless the membership is contacted about any changes.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary