

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING –January 21, 2020

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting at 8:10PM. Present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ, and YL Margaret; Jack, NU2Q; Art, N2KA; Bob, KA2ZIU; Rich, KB2ZPB; Rick, K2RB; Gerry, K1NY; Adrian, KO8SCA; W2ABK, and OM Bruce; Walt, W2TE; and guest Allen, N2KW.

John welcomed all attendees back after the holiday recess.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following brief DX was briefly noted:

- General comments were made on the low solar flux during the past month which has been around or around 70. The low bands are fairly good, but noisy. Some limited openings were reported on 17 and 15 meters. With present Cycle 24 approaching its minimum this year, there are indications that a few sunspots from Cycle 25 have been noticed.
- Several members indicated that they were successful in working T6AA in Kabul, Afghanistan on 40m CW. The operator is S53R and will be working there for a while.
- Two major DXpeditions will be starting early next month. One German group will be activating El Salvador through February 13; while an international team will activate Cocos Island as TI9A through February 8.

NEW BUSINESS

First order of business was the approval of the **November 19, 2019** 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>.

John, W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The annual 2019 dues of \$25 are way overdue. Many of the membership have already sent in their 2020 dues. John mentioned that he would be issuing a new club roster shortly reflecting deletion of members who never paid their 2019 dues.

A brief discussion was made on the health issues of some club members and ex-members.

Tom, KA2D, LIDXA Vice President and HRU Chairman spoke about the club's participation in the January 4, 2020, 20th annual "*Ham Radio University*" at *LIU Post*, in Brookville. HRU featured over 30 forums and two workshops. ARRL Lifelong Learning Manager Kris Bickell, K1BIC, was the keynote speaker. 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. Tom mentioned that attendance was about the same as in HRU 2019.

Steve mentioned that the annual holiday party held on December 9, 2019 was very successful at *DJ's International Buffet* in Garden City. About 20 members and guests showed up at the party. A picture of the attendees is currently displayed on the club's web site.

It was brought up that two of the club's long-time members, Mark, WB2QJ, and Jane, KC2NOT have moved out of the local area to Tennessee. It was recommended that the club consider them as "Members-at Large." With a unanimous vote the recommendation was passed. Ed said he would include these members to the "Members-at Large." roster and forward the information to webmaster Pat, KE2LJ, to appear as a link ("Honorary Members") on the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

At this point in the meeting the LIDXA traveling DXer, Adrian, KO8SCA, gave a PowerPoint presentation to Bhutan in mid-December 2019, operating as part of the A50BOC/A50BPC/A5B **Bhutan Para Olympic Committee**. The presentation included pictures and highlights of the trip, the team's operating station, local inhabitants, etc. More details can be seen in their website: <https://dx-world.net/a50boc-a50bpc-a5b-bhutan/>.

Adrian's next stop will be to Swains Island, as part of the W8S DXpedition, in early March 2020. See website: <http://swains2020.ildxt.eu/>

At the conclusion of Adrian's presentation, John showed a short video on the April 2007 DXpedition to swains Island under the callsign, N8S.

The meeting then concluded after all the club business and entertainment had finished. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary