

## **MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING - January 17, 1997**

Location: Polytechnic University, Farmingdale, N.Y.

The meeting of January 17th was called to order at 8:05 PM by the LIDXA Vice President, Marty NN2C. Marty was filling in for the LIDXA President Frank, N2FF, who was off in New Mexico. Marty welcomed guests W2FX; W2IK (ex-N2PSG); Eliot, W2MUM, and Roz, the XYL of member Art, K2ENT.

In terms of DX happenings it was mentioned that the DXpedition from Heard Island, as VKØIR, was currently in full operation and workable on several modes and bands. Daily logs of contacts were also posted on several different Internet sites.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ed, K2MFY, the LIDXA Secretary read the minutes of the November 15th meeting and the December 20th Holiday meeting. These minutes were accepted as read. Russ, W2WM (ex-AA2LC), LIDXA Treasurer, prepared a proposed budget for the January 1 to December 31, 1997 calendar year. Russ reminded the membership that the \$25 dues for the 1997 fiscal year are now due. Presently only 20 members have paid their dues; however it was expected that another 10 members would be shortly forwarding their dues to Russ. With an assumed membership of 35 members, Russ stated that the club would be experiencing an excess of \$325 in expenses over revenues. A membership of 40-45 is required for the budget to be balanced, unless additional sources of revenue are found other than dues.

Marty, who is also Membership Chairman, stated that one of the goals of the club should be to increase membership and he recommended that \$5 be given off membership dues for bringing in a new member. A frank discussion then developed which brought up opinions that club membership was dropping due to the fact that our present meetings are dull and that the club does not offer much to new DXers. It was pointed out that rarely does the club draw upon outside sources as guest speakers which would encourage prospective members or guests to attend meetings. Video tapes should be used only be used as an alternative when speakers cannot be obtained. It was stated that the club President should be responsible to ensure that meetings have the required speakers and/or entertainment.

Lou, N2TU (ex-NN2G), indicated that the club should be credited for its camaraderie and group efforts that we share in antenna-raising parties and the Montauk Point operations over the last two years. Lou did recommend that the club try to interest new members, via Public Relations at special events and Hamfests. He did admit that it was important to keep these new members with interesting meetings, and general information to club members with a monthly newsletter. On a definite note, Lou said he would bring back the AutoCall list once the club's repeater becomes operational.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ed stated that on recent correspondence to the ARRL he requested that the club be provided with the calls, in the NYC-LI area, of all Dxers who have just received DXCC or endorsements. In this manner we could send out information packets to these prospective members.

Changing the subject, Pat, KE2LJ, reported on the status of the club's defunct repeater. Pat's friend from **Grumman**, Gordon KB2UB, is currently checking over the **Spectrum** repeater. He indicated that some ICs on the Controller Card are bad. These were probably blown during the summer thunderstorm. Also it was felt that some of the circuitry in the PL mode was malfunctioning along with some filters on an audio board. Repair is difficult since some of the options or modifications to this repeater is undocumented. The club approved \$250 for repeater repair. Additional funds would require a discussion of Board members. Alternately the club would look into the cost for a new repeater with similar specifications to our present unit. In the meantime the club was welcome to use the Grumman repeater, WA2LQO, at 146.745 MHz.

Marty said he had just received a letter from ex-member and past LIDXA President, Jules, W2JGR, who resides in Minnesota. Jules is well and very active in RTTY and DX.

A question was raised on the status of **AEA Company**. Rumors have indicated that they are going out of business; however, it was also stated that their product line was to be split up into three separate entities.

Although it was anticipated that a video would be shown tonight, the VCR/TV was not available. A discussion then briefly developed that the club should buy a VCR/TV combo or separate units.

This meeting concluded at 9:30 PM after all the scheduled business had finished.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA, Secretary