

MINUTES OF LIDXIA INC. MEETING—January 16, 1998

Location: Polytechnic University, Farmingdale, N.Y.

The meeting of January 16th was called to order at 8:20 PM by the LIDXIA Vice President Marty, NN2C, filling in for the President, Frank, N2FF, presently up at the ARRL for League matters. Marty welcomed the XYL of member N2DXJ.

OLD BUSINESS

Ed, K2MFY, LIDXIA Secretary had the minutes of the November 21st meeting distributed in advance to the membership. Except for a minor change, the minutes were accepted as written. Russ, W2RL, LIDXIA Treasurer read the treasurer's report. Balance on hand as of tonight's meeting was \$2134.56. The membership was reminded that dues in the amount of \$25 for the 1997-1998 year were being collected by Russ. Presently only 17 members had paid their dues.

In terms of DX, several members reported that openings on the 15 and 10-meter bands were becoming more frequent, although somewhat erratic. New heard/worked items:

- QSLs for last year's 5A28 DXpedition from Libya would be out in March.
- The station FR5ZQ/T from Tromelin Island was heard in the morning on the low end of 15-meter CW. He was also reported to be operating RTTY.
- The DXpedition to Laos, using the prefix XW30, would be shortly ending.
- A DXpedition to the Maldives, using the callsign 8Q7AA would be operational soon.
- Active on the bands were several Israeli stations using the prefix 4X50 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the statehood of Israel.

Steve, K2WE, indicated that February 12th would be the 50th anniversary of the Israeli Amateur Radio Club, and several special event stations are planning to be operational. He also said that DXer Hiro, JA2EZD, had visited him during Hiro's stay in the U.S. Steve also surprised the membership by stating that he planned to be operational in Viet Nam at the end of March.

Marty, who is also chairman of the Membership Committee, mentioned that he had received two applications from potential members from the recent Hamvention.

Lou, N2TU, indicated that the new AutoCall list was working well. He urged anyone who gets the "one-ringer" to acknowledge the AutoCall by coming up on the LIDXIA frequency for further information. In many cases calls had been made but the members had not responded. A discussion then ensued on the lack of activity on the LIDXIA repeater.

Lou also was wondering what was the status of the "Lenny Albergo Memorial Award." The President, N2FF, was supposed to pose the Board of Directors last December on this matter. Since Frank was not present it was decided to move this question the next meeting, when Frank was expected to be attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Marv, W2FGD, mentioned that the FCC had recently revised the Form 610. The new form is very short and simple. It is also possible to renew your license directly online at the FCC web site.

Marv also discussed the recent problems that the packet cluster was having. A new antenna was being installed by W2JB on top of a mountain in Cedar Grove, NJ, with direct line of sight to NYC. This should improve link connections and reliability of the K2LS and K2GX packet nodes to the south.

Pat, KE2LJ, spoke at length about his decision to install a 60-foot tower on his property in the Town of Huntington. Apparently town officials were familiar with Federal Regulation PRB-1, and although the town can govern his application, they said they could not deny it. A building permit was issued to Pat within 10 days.

There was a brief discussion on the new ARRL fees for DXCC. Marty said to hold off the commentary until Frank was back from the ARRL.

With no new business matters raised, this portion of this meeting concluded at 9:15 PM. A video was then shown on the 1994 9M0C DXpedition to Layang Layang in the Spratly Islands. Everyone left the meeting appreciating the efforts of these hearty DXers, and hoping that conditions would be favorable for the new DXpedition by members of the Chiltern DX Club next month to the same island group.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXIA Secretary