

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — February 24, 2015

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of February 24, 2015 at 8:15PM after a brief socializing period. Members present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Rich, KB2ZPB; Bob, W2PNJ; Ken, KC2YRJ; Art, N2KA; Rick, K2RB; Adrian, KO8SCA; Steve, N2AJ; N2DXJ and XYL Tanis; Frank, N2FF; Mike, N2YBB; Jack, NU2Q; and guests Bob, K2YGM; Bob, K2TV; Mel, K2SG, Bob, W2OSR; and Ritchie, K2KNB of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC).

OLD BUSINESS

Members reported that radio conditions have been dropping with the SFI dropping to around 130.

Some of the following DX was reported:

- Several members discussed the current DXpedition to Navassa off the west coast of Haiti in the Caribbean Sea Island (operating with the callsign K1N)... This DXpedition has been going very well with most members putting this station in their logs. At least three operators are on several bands at the same time and the online logs are very current. The group expects to be on Navassa until mid-February.
- Another operation is on from Cocos Island as TI9/3Z9DX; however, only a few members reported working this station. Apparently there are some logistics problems on the island.
- Also reported was stations 7Q7BP and 7Q7GIA in Malawi operating on 12 meters.
- The next big DXpedition is scheduled for early March. It is a multinational DXpedition to Eritrea (E3ØFB) in East Africa. The club is a sponsor to this DXpedition.
- Several members spoke about the recent ARRL DX Contest (CW) over the February 21-22 weekend and the expectations for the SSB portion over the March 7-8 weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the January 20 meeting minutes. These minutes were accepted as issued. In addition the minutes were prepared in advance by the LIDXA Secretary, Ed, K2MFY, and sent out to the membership with the February meeting announcement. Thanks to the efforts of our webmaster KE2LJ, Pat, the minutes appear in the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

John W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. Members were reminded that dues (in the amount of \$25) for the year 2015 are expected. John suggested that members give or mail him their dues at their earliest convenience. In this regards about 70% of the present membership had already paid John their 2015 dues.

Steve, N2AJ mentioned that an impromptu dinner was held at *Rosemarie's Restaurant* in Farmingdale on Monday night February 16. The occasion was for a brief stay in NY for DXers Bill, N2WB ("Wild Bill") and Chris, 9Y4D. Approximately 15 members and guests were able to attend.

John mentioned that through e-mail correspondences the club approved \$100 donations to the Heard Island DXpedition, VKØEK, scheduled in the November–December 2015 timeframe (see the link: <http://vk0ek.org/>), and the forthcoming DXpedition to South Georgia (AN-007) and South Sandwich ((AN-009) Islands scheduled for January–February 2016 (see the link: <http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8/sponsors.php>). In both cases, due to the huge cost of boat charter and logistics support, it was necessary to forward donations far in advance of the DXpeditions in order to ensure that these DXpedition would be supported. As a follow-up, John reported that the LIDXA club logo is now appearing on both DXpedition websites.

Ed noted that our LIDXA club logo, which appears in the web pages of these DXpeditions, is an active link. When a viewer clicks on the club logo, the club web site appears <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa> . Ed proposed that we try to improve on this web page and provide DX links and other useful, interesting facts that would advertise the LIDXA. Several members thought that this was a good suggestion and a committee was formed to offer suggestions for our web site upgrade. Ed and LIDXA Vice President, Tom, KA2D volunteered look into this and try to draft other individuals who are “web-savvy” to assist in this endeavor. The committee would then work with our webmaster, Pat, KE2LJ in implementing these improvements.

Towards the conclusion of this meeting the two guests Bob, W2OSR and Ritchie, K2KNB, filled out the LIDXA membership forms and joined our club. The LIDXA welcomed the new club members.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded at 8:55PM, Tom, KA2D, introduced a discussion on the origin, activities and goals of the YCCC. This overview highlighted membership, contesting techniques, awards, logging programs, station automation, and “the fun of contesting.” Detailed resources are available on the YCCC web site (<http://www.yccc.org>). At the conclusion of Tom’s presentation a numbers of members of both LIDXA and YCCC paid their annual YCCC dues

This meeting concluded at around 10:00PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished.

The next meeting of the LIDXA is scheduled for Tuesday March 17, 2015.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary