

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING –February 19, 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 8:15PM. Present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ and YL, Margaret; Jack, NU2Q; Rich, KB2ZPB; Art, N2KA; Bob, W2OSR; Walt, W2TE; Gerry, K1NY; Salli, K2RYD; Lou, NO2C; and Robert, KA2ZIU.

### 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 below 70. The low bands are fairly good, but noisy.
- It was reported that a group is operating from Macao as XX9D. It was mentioned that 15 operators are in this DXpedition and that they plan on operating 24 hours a day. Direct QSLs go to DL4SVA.
- Several members announced that the station, T31EU, is fairly active from the Pacific island of Kanton. The dates of operation are February 16 through March 5. Their web site is [www.kanton2019.de](http://www.kanton2019.de). QSL is via DL2AWG or OQRS.

First order of business was the approval of the January 15 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 Pat had recently updated the LIDXA website with the latest information. Members were urged to review the site and inform Ed of any errors and/or desired updates.

John, W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The annual 2019 dues of \$25 are now due. Almost one-half of the membership has already paid up.

### NEW BUSINESS

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). Recently John was sent a request by RA1ZZ requesting support from the LIDXA towards this DXpedition. After a brief discussion the club voted a \$100 donation to this XRØZRC DXpedition.

Steve, N2AJ, said that club member, Adrian, KO8SCA, was just returning from his DXpedition to Brunei Darussalem, as part of an international team to activate the special callsign V84SAA. The group was operating from February 6 through February 18. With the poor propagation this was a difficult path for stations on the east coast of the US. Only a few club members worked, or even heard, this station. Their web site is [www.v84saa.com](http://www.v84saa.com).

It was reported that Saul, K2XA, has been appointed as the new Hudson Division representative to the ARRL DX Advisory Board. One appointment is available in each division and appointments are made by the respective division director.

Several members stated that the low bands were quite good during the past ARRL DX Contest-CW mode. The SSB portion of the contest will be over the March 2-3 weekend.

Ed stated that a few weeks ago, Ray Schubnel, W2DKM, long time Grumman employee and trustee of the Grumman Radio Club callsign, WA2LQO, suddenly passed away.

Club member Jack, NU2Q, commented that with the support of the LIDXA club he recently was able to obtain 8-band DXCC. The club congratulated Jack on his efforts.

With the business portion of this meeting concluding at 9:15PM, John showed the scheduled DVD on the March 2000 DXpedition to Clipperton Island. This highly successful international team made over 75, 000 QSOs on the island.

The meeting then concluded at 10:15PM after all the club business and entertainment had finished. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary