

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING –February 25, 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 8:20PM. Due to unannounced family emergency of LIDXA Secretary, Ed, K2MF; Steve, N2AJ, offered to take notes tonight.

Present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Jack, NU2Q; Art, N2KA; Rich, KB2ZPB; Frank, N2FF; Gerry, K1NY; Bob, W2OSR; Walt, W2TE; and Dave, KA2HTV.

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.
- Much DX discussion on the upcoming DXpedition to South Orkney Island as VP8PJ, from February 22 through March 6. Maritime mobile from the *Braveheart* vessel will be as ZL1NA/mm, during the five-day voyage from Argentina. QSL via MØURX. The DXpedition team were congratulated on their round-the-clock activity, operating skill, and pileup management. Members reported that signal strengths were reasonable good despite solar conditions.
- A new station, from the Ivory Coast, TU5PCT, was worked by several members on various bands and modes, including FT8.
- It was reported the Dom, 3Z5DX is planning a second attempt in December 3030, aboard the ship "Atlantic Tuna," to Bouvet, as 3YØI. Also in the first half of this year, Dom plans to activate both Banaba and Tuvalu, as T33T and T22T, respectively.

NEW BUSINESS

First order of business was the approval of the **January 21, 2020** 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>.

The club voted on contributing \$100 towards a new DXpedition to Andaman Islands, VU4R, during March 20-31, 2020. Their web site is : www://vu4r.vu3rsb.org (Ed's post comment via Sara, VU2RS: I am sorry to inform that due to the Corona situation many of the DXpedition members had to step out. The expedition is postponed. However we will keep you updated on further developments)

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 consider a new club roster reflecting deletion of members who never paid their 2019 dues.

The main meeting ended at 9PM, followed by the entertainment phase. A timely video shown consisted of the 2011 DXpedition to South Orkney Island as VP8ORK

The meeting then concluded after all the club business and entertainment had finished. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary
Prepared from notes taken by Steve, N2AJ