

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING—February 20, 1998
Location: Polytechnic University, Farmingdale, N.Y.

The meeting of February 20th was called to order at 8:15 PM by the LIDXA President, Frank, N2FF. Frank thanked Marty, NN2C, LIDXA Vice President, for handling the January meeting in his absence.

In terms of DX, new heard/worked items were reported:

- The station FT5WG from Crozet Island was heard in the morning on 14277 KHz long path. Several members said they had made contacts.
- The DXpedition to Layang Layang in the Spratly Islands by members of the Chiltern DX Club as 9MØC is in full swing. Although this operation is very active, their signals to East Coast stations were poor. Several members reported working them in the morning on 40 meters CW.
- LIDXA member Steve, K2WE was worked as 8P9AP down in Barbados.
- A station signing KA5IST/KH5 on Palmyra Island was heard, although his operating schedule seemed erratic.
- Franco, I4LCK was quite active signing C91LCK from Mozambique.
- Lenny, KB2HK, reported that there has been deliberate QRM on his daily net frequency.

OLD BUSINESS

Ed, K2MFY, LIDXA Secretary had the minutes of the January 16th meeting distributed in advance to the membership. These minutes were accepted as written. Russ, W2RL, LIDXA Treasurer read the treasurer's report. Balance on hand as of tonight's meeting was \$2208.17. The membership was reminded that dues in the amount of \$25 for the 1997–1998 year were being collected by Russ. Presently 26 members had paid their dues (36 members on present roster). Russ indicated that several members said they would be paying very shortly. Lou, N2TU, volunteered to contact those members who had still not sent in their yearly dues.

Russ reported that he has been having correspondence with the IRS concerning the "Not -For-Profit" status for the club. Presently the IRS is reviewing our tax records for the past three years. Russ said that there are many advantages for the club to have this status—especially if the club ever decides to hold a raffle, flea market, or any other fund raisers. Russ then explained the differences between a "Not -For-Profit" and a "Tax Exempt" status. In order to move the process, the club is required to enter a "Determination Letter" which involves a \$150 filing fee. Russ recommended that the club spend the monies for the fee as he feels we would be getting this desired status. The membership then unanimously voted to have Russ draw the check for this amount to the IRS.

Lou, N2TU, indicated that the new AutoCall list was in full operation, although he was disturbed by the fact that many members who receive the "one-ringer" were not coming up on the net frequency for information. A discussion then ensued on the AutoCall activity—it was decided to keep things going, as is, but monitor the activity.

Lou also was wondering what was the status of the "Lenny Alberg Memorial Award." Frank mentioned that he would pole the Board of Directors shortly and make an announcement in the March meeting.

In terms of packet activity, Larry, K2LS said that his node was fine. He 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 new antenna should improve the 450 MHz link connections and reliability of the K2LS and K2GX packet nodes to the south. The antenna was received by Rich, K2RW, but had not yet been installed at W2JB.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank spoke about the problems that Mike, N2TX, was having in obtaining the permit for a tower at his QTH. It appears some of these problems were aggravated because Mike did not follow certain legal procedures.

Larry mentioned that the semi-annual Buckmaster CD-ROM for QSL information was available for uploading to his node. As done previously, he requested that the club donate \$45 to cover one six-month CD-ROM. The club approved this expenditure.

It was recommended that the club hold another "Chinese Action." It was decided that the meeting of April 17th should give everyone adequate time. This date would be firmed up shortly so that the sufficient advertising could be generated. In the meantime, Frank urged all members to look around for items that could be auctioned, and in turn, raise needed revenues for the club.

For the rest of the meeting, Frank spoke on status of the ARRL plans for DXCC 2000, including an overview of the ARRL organization, from officers, through the organization directors, down to local division directors and section personnel.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary