

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —March 20 2018

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of March 20 at 8:10PM. Present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Steve, N2AJ; Gerry, K1NY; Bob, K2TV; Adrian, KO2SCA; Walt, W2TE; Dave, KA2HTV; Rick, K2RB; Bob, W2OSR; Rich, KB2ZPB; and guests Salli, K2RYD; Lou, NO2C; and ex-member Allan, N2KW. At the start all the members and guests introduced themselves.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following brief DX was mentioned:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the past month. The solar flux numbers have been around 70, accompanied with noisy conditions. The low bands are fairly good, but noisy.
- Several members mentioned the good signals that were heard from a very active German DXpedition to Easter Island, as XQØYD, during the March 5 through March 15 interval.

NEW BUSINESS

The club congratulated member Adrian, KO8SCA on his recent return from a DXpedition to Layang Layang Island in the Spratly Island group. John recommended that Adrian's talk would precede any formal club business.

Adrian explained that although the Spratly Island team was expected to be on the air as 9MØW from March 6-13, there was difficulty in getting a permit from the private plane to fly them from their location in Malaysia to the Spratly Island of Layang Layang. Finally after a wait of two days for the paperwork the plane departed with the group. Once they landed on the designated island they immediately set up five stations for the 20 operators. Since Layang Layang is a tourist island the group found that many arrangements were not yet prepared since the tourist season was not formally open.

Once the five stations were in place the team had occasional problems with the generator, fresh water, and operating equipment. Due to the poor propagation most of the contacts were made with Japan and Europe. At the conclusion of the trip, on March 13, they had logged about 24K QSOs in the five days of operation. A few lucky LIDXA members did make contacts with 9MØW. Adrian said he would be documenting his latest DXpedition in a future issue of QST and or CQ magazine.

Adrian's next effort will be as a member of a sponsored team at the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) to be held July 12 through July 16 in the German town of Wittenberge (west of Berlin).

The club congratulated Adrian in his latest and future DX activities

Concluding Adrian's presentation, John opened up a brief business portion of tonight's meeting. First order of business was the approval of the February 27 LIDXA meeting minutes. 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>.

John, W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The current membership total is 34 members. The annual 2018 dues of \$25 are now due. He mentioned that 24 members had already paid up their dues.

Allen, N2KW, mentioned that the First Class CW Operators Club (FOC) was celebrating their 80th anniversary shortly and they would have special activities in May. Between May 1 and May 31 FOC members from around the world will be active on the bands with CW using special call signs, many of them containing the number "80" or an 'FOC' suffix. Points will be awarded for working these special calls.

John suggested that perhaps a future meeting might be arranged with the Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC). Unfortunately our club Vice President, Tom, KA2D, was not at tonight's meeting so details could not be set up at this time.

As a final note, according to the LIDXA Constitution, elections for all officers are to be held in "even" years (including the present "2018"). John suggested that we consider candidates in the April meeting and have the required election during the May meeting.

With the remaining time in tonight's meeting a video was shown on the September 2007 DXpedition to St. Brandon Island (IOTA AF-0154), as 3B7C. This multi-national DXpedition amassed over 137K QSOs in their 17 days of operation.

This meeting then concluded at 9:50PM after all the scheduled entertainment and business had finished. The next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday April 17.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary