

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING –March 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; Jack, NU2Q; Rich, KB2ZPB; Karen, W2ABK and OM Bruce; Art, N2KA; Walt, W2TE; Salli, K2RYD; Lou, NO2C; Dave, KA2HTV; Adrian, KO8SCA; Len, W2FX, and guest Allen, N2KW.

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.
- A Russian DXpedition is very active from Robinson Crusoe Island as XRØZRC (in the Juan Fernandez Islands group). The team has four stations on all HF bands and expects to be active until the end of March. The DXpedition's website is: www.dxpeditio.n.wixsite.com/xr0zrc.
- It was reported that there is an Irish group in Togo who are quite active and operating under the callsign 5V7EI.
- Several members announced that the station, 5X3C, is fairly active from Uganda.
- Also from Africa an Israeli team is putting the station 9G2HO on the air from Ghana.

First order of business was the approval of the February 19 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>.

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

NEW BUSINESS

John mentioned that in February–March 2020 there is a planned DXpedition to Signy Island in the South Orkney island group. Since one of the team members, Les, W2LK, is a LIDXA member-at-Large, the LIDXA voted to donate \$100 to this future DXpedition. The DXpedition's website is: www.sorkney.com.

Walt, W2TE, discussed the activities that are developing on the birthday of Guglielmo Marconi on April 27. A number of radio clubs both in the UK and the USA are planning on setting up special event stations during this time frame of Marconi's birthday. Check QST for further details.

John suggested that the LIDXA look into getting a large club banner for display purposes at various ham radio functions. Several members mentioned a number of sources for such a banner. John said he would look into this item and get back to the club.

Steve, N2AJ, updated the club on the imminent DXpedition to Bouvet Island by the Rebel DX group. They will be using the callsign 3YØI, and the group's leader is Dom, 3Z9DX. It has been reported that their cargo is loaded and fuel tanks are filled. On their seven to ten day journey to Bouvet Island, the group will be using the callsign E51DOM/mm on the ship. Their web site is www.rebeldxgroup.com.

At this point in the meeting, club member, Adrian, KO8SCA, who just returned from a DXpedition to Brunei Darussalem as part of an international team to activate the special callsign, V84SAA, presented a PowerPoint presentation of the DXpedition. The group operated from February 6 through February 18 and made over 50,000 QSOs. 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.

In October Adrian will be part of a team that will activate Tokelau Island (ZK3) in the Pacific Ocean.

Adrian's presentation ended at about 9:30PM. John felt that there was not enough time to show the scheduled DVD, so the meeting was then concluded. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday May 21.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary