

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING –April 16, 2019

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting. Present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Jack, NU2Q; Rich, KB2ZPB; Karen, W2ABK; Art, N2KA; Walt, W2TE; Salli, K2RYD; Lou, NO2C; Gerry, K1NY; Dave, KA2HTV; Bob, W2OSR; 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.
- There were reports of activity from stations in Chad, Norfolk Island and Monaco. Also good openings from Europe were found on 20 meters.
- It was reported that the KH1/KH7Z DXpedition, Baker Howland Islands, in June 2018, with team leader Don Greenbaum, K1DG, was rumored to be awarded the DXpedition of the Year (2018).

### NEW BUSINESS

At the outset of the meeting, Steve, N2AJ showed us a five minute U-tube video on accidents with electric shocks, called "Epic Failure Complication/Electricity hates me". The membership enjoyed this short video.

First order of business was the approval of the March 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>. Ed is on vacation and unable to attend tonight's meeting. Karen, W2ABK, offered to record the minutes and forward them to Ed for editing and distribution.

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.

It was announced that this weekend will be the annual Holy Land Contest sponsored by the Israeli Amateur Radio Club.

On the weekend of April 27–28, a number of radio clubs both in the UK and the USA are planning on setting up special event stations celebrating Marconi's birthday. Radio Central will setup a station in Rocky Point and the Great South Bay ARC will be active from Lake Pond Marina in Babylon. Check QST for further details.

As announced earlier to the membership via e-mails, on April 10 a luncheon to welcome Kazunori "Kazu" Watanab, JK3GAD, to Long Island was arranged by host Steve, N2AJ. The luncheon was at *DJ's Buffet* in Garden City. Steve also gave Kazu and his family a private tour of Long Island.

Jack, NU2Q told an incident about an error going on in the U.S. Postal Service. He was waiting for a QSL card from Italy that never came. His contact e-mailed him and said he mailed him a QSL, only it got returned to him in Italy stamped "Return to Sender-Address Unknown." Jack investigated and found out that the Post Office has a computerized "Nixie" system, which sometimes returns or destroys letters. Jack filled out forms complaining about the Nixie system at the local post office. He got no results. He is currently looking for help or answers why the mail is getting lost.

Bob, W2OSR, gave the membership some hotel information for annual Hamvention/ARRL National Convention to be held in Xenia, OH over the May 17-May 19 weekend.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John showed the scheduled DVD on the March 2005 DXpedition to Kerguelen Island, FT5XO, down in the south Indian Ocean.

The meeting then concluded after all the club business and entertainment had finished. Our next scheduled meeting, which will be a joint LIDXA/YCCC get together, will be held on Tuesday, May 21.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary

minutes compiled per notes by Karen, W2ABK