

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING - May 16, 1997
Location: Polytechnic University, Farmingdale, N.Y.

The meeting of May 16 was called to order at 8:15 PM by the LIDXA Secretary, Ed, K2MFY. Ed was filling in for LIDXA President, Frank, N2FF and Vice President, Marty, NN2C, who were both at the Dayton Hamvention. In line with a new meeting agenda, the business meeting followed approximately 30 minutes of refreshments and informal camaraderie between attendees. Ed welcomed guest and ex-member Bob, W2SF. Due to the Hamvention meeting attendance was very light—just sufficient membership to satisfy quorum requirements (minimum 1/3 of membership present).

In terms of DX happenings, Ed mentioned that a DXpedition from Annobon Island (3CØ) should be operational shortly. Ed also summarized a number of DX activities reported by several journals and publications. With the recent major solar storm conditions have been very poor. Ed reminded the membership that Saturday May 17, military amateurs will be having Armed Forces Day activities on various bands. Usually the special military stations are transmitting just above or below the standard amateur bands. Ed indicated that this was the first time that no contacts would be made in CW—only SSB and digital modes are to be used. Full details are in the May issue of QST.

OLD BUSINESS

Ed had the minutes of the April 18 meeting distributed in advance to the membership. These minutes were accepted as written. Russ, W2WM, the LIDXA Treasurer, reported that the club has \$2268.12 in the treasury. Between the “Chinese Auction” and the “50-50”, the club brought in \$122 in last month’s meeting. The membership agreed that the auction last month was a lot of fun and rewarding for the club. It was felt that another auction should be held in about six months.

During last month’s meeting, a motion was raised of possibly obtaining a vanity callsign more appropriate to our DX club. Russ said that he looked into this matter with Steve, K2WE and had analyzed the data base of available callsigns. A list of about a dozen callsigns were written on the blackboard. After some discussion the following callsigns were selected in order of priority: W2LDX, NY2LI, and K2LDX. Russ and Steve will see if the club can obtain one of these callsigns (in order of priority). Since the FCC has ruled that multiple club station callsigns are legal, the club does not want to give up its present W2WMG—just add one of the aforementioned callsigns for special event occasions. The fee for the extra callsign is \$30 per application.

Ed mentioned that notices to several amateur journals, describing our activities at the Montauk Lighthouse over the August 2-3 weekend, had gone out last month assuming the old callsign AC2P/200 would be used again. Even if the club obtains the new call letters before August, it was not certain if it would be used at the lighthouse due to these prior announcements.

Lou, N2TU, reminded the membership to fill out the Auto-Call needs list that was included in with the May meeting notice. Lou said that he would like to have the final list ready for distribution by the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed reported that planning for the Montauk Lighthouse activities by the LIDXA was progressing satisfactorily. He is presenting waiting for the certificate of liability insurance from Wohler's Insurance Company, which will in turn be forwarded over to lighthouse personnel.

With no new business matters raised, this portion of this meeting then concluded at 8:45 PM. Bob, W2SF, then showed the video he had received on the 1994 Dxpediton to Tristan da Cunha Island by G3SXW.

This meeting concluded at 9:30 PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary