

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —June 19, 2018

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

Tonight's meeting was chaired by the LIDXA Vice President, Tom, KA2D, at 8:10PM. John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, was not in attendance since he was out of town; in addition, Ed, K2MFY, LIDXA Secretary could not make tonight's meeting due to his grandson's high school graduation. Karen, W2ABK, has volunteered to take minutes for this meeting.

Present at tonight's meeting included Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Rich, KB2ZPB; Art, N2KA; Rick, K2RB; Walt, W2TE; Mark, WB2QJ; Jane, KC2NOT; Karen, W2ABK; Jack, NU2Q; Aaron, WC2C; and guest Lew, WX2F.

### OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following DX was mentioned:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the past month. The solar flux numbers have been around, accompanied with noisy conditions. The low bands are fairly good, but noisy.
- Several members commented that there were good DX found using the FT8 mode. Also mentioned were excellent DX worked on 6 meters.
- The Baker Island DXpedition, KH1/KH7Z, is still on schedule for June 27-July 6 activity. The team is expected to depart for the island on June 20 from American Samoa. Full details can be found on their site: [www.baker2018.net](http://www.baker2018.net).

### NEW BUSINESS

No club business could be conducted since a quorum of the membership was not in attendance (at least 12 paid-up members required).

Since no official business would be determined Tom could not get an acceptance of the April 17 and May 15 LIDXA minutes. Also election of new club officers for the years 2018-2020 could not be held at this meeting. Hopefully the club will have a quorum at the September 18 LIDXA meeting so that an election can be held.

The current slate of officers (2016-2018) is

- President: John, W2GW
- Vice President: Tom, KA2D
- Secretary: Ed, K2MFY
- Treasurer: John, W2GW
- Directors: Steve, N2AJ; Bob, N2DXJ; and Frank, N2FF.

As mentioned in the April meeting Adrian, KO8SCA, is to be considered as a candidate for one of the club's Directors (only three permitted).

Tom reminded the membership that earlier in the month, via an informal e-mail approval of club members, the club agreed to donate \$100 to the forthcoming DXpedition to Zimbabwe as Z23MD. Club member Adrian, KO8SCA will be part of this DXpedition team. The multi-national group is expected to be operational October 26 - November 6. Details can be found on the web site: <http://www.mdxc.org/z23md/> .

Walt, W2TE, spoke on ARRL's proposal to extend Tech Licensing privileges. After a lengthy group discussion it was unanimously felt from all in attendance to oppose this proposal since it is relatively easy to upgrade the Tech to General Class licensing. In conclusion the LIDXA should voice an opinion to our ARRL NLI SM, Hudson Division Director, and the ARRL HQ.

Tom reminded the membership that many local clubs would be active with Field Day activities this weekend (June 23-24).

Unfortunately with the AV projector in the room out of service, the scheduled video on the 2014 DXpedition to Amsterdam Island as FT5ZM could not be shown.

This meeting then concluded at 9:10PM after all the scheduled unofficial business was completed. With our summer hiatus the next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday September 18. Tom wished all attendees a great summer.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary (per notes from KA2D and W2ABK)