

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING — September 20, 2011

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of September 20 at 8:20 PM, after a brief socializing period. John welcomed back members and guests after our summer hiatus. Members present included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Ed, K2MFY; Bob, N2DXJ and XYL, Tanis; Karen, W2ABK; Mark, WB2QJ; Marv, W2FGD; Woody, K2UU; and guests Bob, W2II; and Mike, N2TX.

OLD BUSINESS

- The big news was that the sunspots are finally moving upwards and DX is wide open on the higher bands! The flux has recently risen to over 150 and 10 meters has been very good with openings to all parts of the world. Good, but limited, openings were also noted on 12 meters.
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- Several DXpeditions to the Pacific are imminent. One trip is to Rotuma as 3D2R, which is expected to be operational from September 27th to October 7. Also a number of operators are going to Christmas Island as T32C. The stay is expected to be about one month. Finally a Polish operator will activate Pigeon Island, Reef Islands, in the Temotu Province. The operation will be from October 8 to October 21, and the call assigned is H4ØKJ.
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- A DXpedition to Malpelo Island has been scheduled for early 2012. The tentative callsign will be HKØNA. Further information is on their site: <http://hk0na.com/>. The Colombian authorities have been contacted on permits and licenses for the expedition. It is expected that there will be eight Columbian and four international operators.

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the June 21, 2011 meeting minutes. These minutes were accepted as presented. In addition, the minutes were prepared in advance by the LIDXA Secretary, Ed, K2MFY, and sent out to the membership with the June meeting notice. Thanks to the efforts of KE2LJ, Pat, the minutes appear in the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed mentioned that over the summer he had filled out the necessary forms to reserve our club meeting room, Community Room 1 at the *Town of Oyster Ice Skating Center* through December 2012.

In terms of Good & Welfare it was mentioned that Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, who has held many ARRL offices over the years and is the liaison for Ham Radio operators who volunteer at the New York City, is very ill. Further details can be found at <http://www.arcecs.org/node/48>.

John indicated that he had paid the 2011–2012 liability insurance to the new insurance broker for ARRL affiliated clubs. The yearly cost for the premium will be less than with the previous company.

Although the early September "Hurricane Irene" was downgraded to a tropical storm when it passed over the NYC/LI area, a few members indicated that they had some wind and/or flooding damage.

John discussed the club's financial status. Since conditions are starting to improve and the LIDXA will probably be offering donations to deserving DXpeditions, it was recommended that the dues be increased from \$20 to \$25 for the next calendar year. It was mentioned that the club maintained the lower dues for almost ten years, even with a diminished membership. After a brief discussion a unanimous vote approved the dues increase to \$25 starting January 2012.

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, John presented a DVD on the February 1994 DXpedition to Peter 1 Island (as 3YØPI). This exciting video illustrated a DX operation from one of the most remote places on Earth.

This meeting concluded at around 9:20PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary