

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —September 25, 2018

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 25 at 8:25PM and welcomed members back after our summer hiatus. This meeting was scheduled one week later than the regular date since the 18th of September was the eve of a major religious holiday.

Present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Adrian, KO8SCA; Frank, N2FF; Mike, N2YBB; Jack, NU2Q; Dave, KA2HTV; Bob, KB2ZPB; Bob, K2YGM; Ken, KC2YRJ; and guests Allan, N2KW and Jim, W2KFV.

### OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following brief DX was briefly noted:

- Comments were made on some present DXpeditions from TO6OK, Mayotte, and ZD9CW, Tristan da Cunha.
- Several special event stations are active; such as, H88DX Panama, and 8Z88ND, Saudi Arabia.
- The husband and wife pair, DL5YM and DL5YL, are quite active operating /HBØ from Lichtenstein.

John indicated that tonight's meeting finally had a quorum of LIDXA member (one-third of the listed roster:  $\geq 12$  members) so we could conduct club business. First order of business was the approval of the past April 17th, May 15th, and June 19th meetings 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 current membership total is 34 members. He mentioned that 27 members had paid up their dues. Members who do not submit their 2018 dues may be dropped from the club roster at the end of this year

With a quorum of the membership in place, John said that we could now hold elections for all officers of the LIDXA for the years 2018-2020. The present slate of officers (2016-2018) are

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, volunteered to be considered for one of the club's Directors, and at tonight's meeting member Dave Borenstein, KA2HTV, also stepped forward as a candidate for a Director. Since only three Directors are permitted it appeared that a vote would have to be taken. However, since Bob, N2DXJ, has not been at a meeting all year, and Frank, N2FF, yielded his present position, the remaining candidates, N2AJ, KO8SCA and KA2HTV were approved.

The membership applauded the new officers of the LIDXA for years 2018-2020:

- President: John Reiser–W2GW
- Vice President: Tom Carrubba–KA2D
- Secretary: Ed Whitman–K2MFY
- Treasurer: John Reiser–W2GW
- Directors: Dave Borenstein–KA2HTV, Adrian Ciuperca–KO8SCA; and Steve Hass–N2AJ

Ed said he would notify our Section Manager, Jim, W2KFV; Bernie, W3UR, editor of Weekly DX newsletter; and Ted, KB8NW, editor of Ohio/Penn DX PacketCluster, about the new slate of LIDXA officers.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ed, K2MFY, indicated that earlier in the summer he had reserved this meeting room in the Town of Oyster Ice Skating Center through the year 2019. The membership thanked Ed for his efforts.

Member Adrian, KO8SCA, presented a summary of the details that finally established the revitalization of activity from the amateur station at the NYC United Nations headquarters, 4U1UN, after an absence of 10 years. He was part of a team testing out the new vertical antenna installed on the rooftop of the UN building, and was also testing the new radio installed in the building itself. Finally on the morning of October 22 Adrian operated station 4U1UN on 20 meters phone for about 20 minutes making a handful of contacts. Member Steve, N2AJ worked Adrian and then sent out an e-mail to the membership alerting them of this brief new activity.

Adrian concluded that during the next few weeks, due to high security concerns, 4U1UN would not be operating since the UN General Assembly will be in session. He is not sure when a regular schedule would be available.

On other subjects earlier in the summer he was able to operate the station in Vatican City as HVØA.

In the future Adrian will be part of a DXpedition team that will be active in Zimbabwe as Z23MD. They also expect to do some activity during the CQWW-SSB contest over the weekend of October 20-22. Details can be found on the web site: <http://www.mdxc.org/z23md/>.

After this trip he will join a “vacation” DXpedition down to St. Vincent from November 21-28 as J8NY. They plan to operate over the CQWW-CW contest over the November 24-25 weekend.

Finally Adrian mentioned that in December he would be with a group that will activate some IOTA islands in the region of Tahiti.

It was mentioned that many of Adrian’s DX exploits currently appear on [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=ko8sca](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ko8sca)

Steve, N2AJ, announced that a luncheon for guests Manfred, DK2PZ, and his daughter Vivien, DK5PL will take place at *DJ’s International Buffet* on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 12:00 PM. So far 15 people indicated they would be attending. Contact Steve if you wish to attend.

LIDXA member Mike, N2YBB, who is also our ARRL Hudson Division Director, is currently running for re-election for his position. He spoke about all the work he has been doing as a League official for 15 years, serving in multiple positions of responsibility and culminating in his current position as Division Director in 2013.

In support of Mike our Section Manager (SM) Jim, W2KFV, summarized some of the present work that Mike is doing for ARRL members in our area. In conclusion the floor was open for questions from the membership. These concerns were primarily on the status of PRB1, deed restricted communities, and Home Owners Associations (HOA).

The club voted to send \$50 donation for a half-page LIDXA ad in the journal for the forthcoming 2018 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Banquet, to be held in the *Café Internationale at Ramada* in Newburgh, NY on November 3, 2018. This banquet is being hosted by the Orange County Amateur Radio Club.

Ed mentioned that he has gotten an e-mail from the Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club (GSBARC) requesting help in support of the annual "Run for the Warriors" race on November 10. Contact John, W2HCB, if interested in supporting this event.

The club was reminded that Ham Radio University 2019 will be on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at LIU/Post College at the Hillwood Commons Student Center 720 Northern Boulevard Brookville, NY 11548. LIDXA members usually present the DX Forum at this event. For preliminary information see: <http://hamradiouniversity.org/>

Ed passed around an article from the September 14th *Newsday* which featured the work which amateur radio operators were in the support of efforts in assisting Hurricane Florence activities. In particular GSBARC member Mel, KS2G, had a photograph with his station in the paper.

Due to the lengthy business portion of tonight's meeting, the scheduled DVD was not shown. This meeting then concluded at 9:50PM. The next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday October 16.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary