

## **MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING—September 19, 1997**

Location: Polytechnic University, Farmingdale, N.Y.

The meeting of September 19 was called to order at 8:15 PM by the LIDXA President Frank, N2FF. Frank welcomed guests Hank, W2HAP—LIDXA member-at-large; Paul, KB2HAA; and the XYLs of members K2ENT and N2DXJ.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Frank welcomed everyone back after the summer hiatus. He spoke briefly about his trip to England in July. Then Vice President, Marty, NN2C, discussed his forthcoming trip to England for the IOTA conference.

Frank mentioned that the club did a fine job once again with its operation from the Montauk Lighthouse over the August 2 to 3 weekend. Special thanks went to Rich, AC2P, who headed up this operation. In terms of contest operations, Frank indicated that several club members distinguished themselves in the 1996 CQ WorldWide DX contest and the 1997 ARRL International DX contest. Frank is planning a multi-operation from his house during the forthcoming CQ WorldWide Contest, and is looking for DX contest operators.

Ed, K2MFY, LIDXA Secretary had the minutes of the June 20th meeting distributed in advance to the membership. Except for a minor change, the minutes were accepted as written. Russ, W2RL (ex-W2WM, ex-AA2LC), the LIDXA Treasurer, reported that the club presently has \$2240.40 in the treasury.

Frank mentioned that the club has a new vanity call, W2LDX. Unfortunately due to a mix-up, our original call, W2WMG, was given up in the process. Since W2WMG is still being signed by our repeater (and there is no simple way to change the repeater ID), Frank had asked Russ to reapply for our original callsign. An attempt was made to get back the callsign of SK member, Harvey McCoy, W2IYX, but that did not seem likely. In the meantime Frank asked Pat, KE2LJ, to eliminate the automatic ID tone on the repeater, and look into the possibility of a new controller EEPROM with the W2LDX callsign burned-in, or the cost of a new controller unit for the repeater. In the meantime, members should verbally sign W2LDX every ten minutes when using the repeater.

On the subject of a Refreshment Committee, Marty said that he would continue to bring the soda and doughnuts; Al, W2NGC, said he would still bring the coffee; however, Frank is still looking for a permanent committee person to handle this task.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Frank spoke on a number of various ARRL issues including changes to the Field Day rules, status of the DX2000 award, the FCC's new RF-exposure regulations, and NJDXA concerns over the new DXCC countries of P5, BV9 and BS7. On another topic, Frank discussed the political battle that Walter, K2WK, was having in Sussex, NJ. Although the town has approved his tower permit, some influential neighbor's are taking the issue to higher courts. Walter has spent over \$10,000 defending his position. Through Frank's Radio Amateur's Defense and Information Organization (RADIO)—which supports hams who must take local towns to court in their battle to retain their Amateur Radio rights as defined by the Federal ruling PRB-1, a collection is being taken up to assist K2WK. Donations should be sent to the K2WK Defense Fund c/o RADIO. Box 343, Williston Park, NY 11596.

It was reported that the present Tri-State Amateur Radio Council (TSARC) organization, which coordinates repeater frequencies in this region, is in a state of disarray and essentially non-functional. It is hoped that a group in Pennsylvania may volunteer to take over TSARC's tasks.

During the June meeting Ed said that he would prepare a list of Honorary Members and Members-at-Large, and present it to the membership at this meeting. The list was given out at this time, and will be sent out to the membership semi-annually. The reference used was the last published list from the March 20, 1995 meeting and included all subsequent additions and deletions. NN2C questioned the title "Honorary Member," and said that this class did not exist and that all these individuals listed should be referred to as "Members-at-Large." The September 15, 1995 amendment to the LIDXA Constitution was referred to, which clearly stated that a Honorary Member classification was granted to individuals by action of outstanding services rendered to the DX worldwide community; while a Members-at-Large classification refer to individuals who have rendered outstanding services to the LIDXA.

On the subject of Good and Welfare, it was mentioned that the XYL of ex-member Allen Singer, N2KW, had recently passed away. Marv, W2FGD, said he would forward a sympathy card to Allen from the club.

Frank mentioned that over the next month, the Board of Directors will be voting on a new recipient for the sixth "N2DTW Award." Lou, N2TU, recalled to the membership that past member, Lenny Albergo, N2DTW, met an

untimely death in an accident in 1990. Out of memory for this active DXer, a plaque was purchased by Lenny's friends, which has provisions for about two dozen small engraving entries. It was decided that the plaque be awarded yearly on a revolving basis to one member of the club who best promotes the purposes of the LIDXA as defined in the club's constitution. This member would be selected by the club's Board of Directors, with the plaque awarded each year. Last year the award went to Larry, K2LS, for all his efforts in promoting the spirit of DX activity by his diligent work with the LIDXA packet node at his house.

With no new business matters raised, this portion of this meeting then concluded at 9:15 PM. Ed, then showed the video he had made of the club's operation from the Montauk Point Lighthouse in August.

This meeting concluded at 9:45 PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary