

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING —October 16, 2012

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting of October 16th at 8:10 PM, after a brief socializing period. . Members present included John, W2GW, and XYL Louise, K2MAU; Karen, W2ABK; Bob, N2DXJ, and XYL Tanis; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Warren, W2WGK; Mark, WB2QJ, ex-LIDXA member Bob, W2SF; and guest Mel, KS2G.

### OLD BUSINESS

- DX discussion centered on the fair propagation conditions. With the start of the Fall season, DX should be improving on the HF bands—especially on 10 and 12 meters.
- The forthcoming DXpedition to Auckland & Campbell Island is still on track for November 28–December 9. LIDXA is one of the sponsors for this Dxpediton. See [www.zl9hr.com](http://www.zl9hr.com) for information.
- Several members reported working the station TT8AD in the African country of Chad. Most are the operators are from Italy
- A Swiss DXpedition from Rodrigues Island in the Indian Ocean as 3B9SP will be active from October 23–23.

A DXpedition to Sable Island has been rescheduled for October 22–31. They mentioned that they might be active in the CQWW Contest over the October 27-28 weekend.

### OLD BUSINESS

At the outset of tonight's meeting, John held a minute of silence for departed member Andy Cola, W2VZQ, who passed away a few days ago. Andy was a long-time member of the LIDXA. He and his XYL Marilyn frequented our meetings and Holiday dinners. RIP dear SK Andy.

Starting the business portion of tonight's meeting was the approval of the September 18th 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 September meeting notice. Thanks to the efforts of KE2LJ, Pat, the minutes appear in the LIDXA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/lidxa>. John also presented the Treasurer's report.

Mark, WB2QJ, mentioned that he had the QSL album that past member and SK, Marv, W2FGD, had accumulated over his 60+ years of ham radio activity. A question arose on what the club should do with this memoir of Marv's DX activities. Although no members could suggest a viable option, Mark suggested that he would attempt to scan these cards into a computer file and perhaps the club could insert them as a link on the club's web site.

John polled the membership on their activities. Walter, W2WGK, described his equipment and setup out in Calverton.

## NEW BUSINESS

On the subject of future events, the club voted to hold the Annual Holiday Party on Tuesday December 11. This party will be in lieu of a December meeting. Ed said he will check the availability of the *Star Diner* in Hicksville and hoped that they would keep their 2011 price (\$26 per person) and menu the same as last year. Ed said the club would be notified once the date/menu is confirmed.

The membership was reminded that the deadline in the election for the new Hudson Division Director was approaching. Club member Mike, N2YBB, our current Section Manager, is running against the incumbent director Joyce, KA2ANF. Members were urged to vote in this important election. Balloting will be done this year via the Internet for those whose email addresses are listed with the ARRL.

A brief discussion developed on the new options of operating from a remote location. Tom, KA2D, and Mel, KS2G, reported that although the cost is very high it does give one the option of operating a remote high-class station from your local location. An article on remote operating would be appearing in the November 2012 issue of *CQ Magazine*.

Ed mentioned that he had updated the "LIDXA Honorary Member and Members-at Large" listing and attached it to the October meeting announcement. On a sad note Andy, W2VZQ, was added in as a new LIDXA "Member-at-Large," but will now be removed since he just became a SK.

Tom, KA2D, HRU Chairman, reminded the membership that the 14th annual "Ham Radio University" will once again be held. Next year the date is on Sunday, January 6, 2013 at *Briarcliffe College*. As in past years the club will be presenting the DX Forum. Members W2GW, and K2MFY indicated their willingness to participate in the program. The club estimated that only a one-hour slot would be needed. Further updates in HRU 2013 can be found on [www.HamRadioUniversity.org](http://www.HamRadioUniversity.org).

With the business portion of this meeting concluded, guest Mel, KS2G, presented a very informative *PowerPoint* presentation on the operation of the N1MM logging program.

This meeting concluded at around 10PM after all the scheduled business had finished.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary