

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING –October 16, 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 October 16 at 8:25PM and welcomed members of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC) to this joint meeting.

Present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Gerry, K1NY; Steve, N2AJ; Jack, NU2Q; Rich, KB2ZPB; Art, N2KA; Bob, W2OSR, Walt, W2TE; Karen, W2ABK; and guests Dennis, AH2O; George, N2GA; Mel, KS2G; and Diane, K2DO.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following brief DX was briefly noted:

- General comments were made on the poor DX conditions during the past month. The solar flux numbers have been around or below 70, accompanied with noisy conditions. The low bands are fairly good, but noisy.
- It was mentioned that a new IOTA, AS-189, will be activated in late November from Shif Island in the Persian Gulf. Expected callsign will be EP6RRC.
- Several members reported activity from TT8KO in the African country of Chad.

First order of business was the approval of the September 25 meeting minutes 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>. Ed added that he is reviewing the web site and will be sending Pat any corrections and additions at the end of the year.

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 2018 dues. Members who do not submit their annual dues will be dropped from the club roster at the end of this year.

Ed added that he had contacted 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 for years 2018-2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve, N2AJ, who is also a representative to the DXAC Committee, raised a question to the group inquiring about their opinion about how some new digital modes could be merged into the general Digital DXCC Award in the future. He proposed to add endorsement stickers to this award for the popular digital modes; such as, RTTY, PSK, and FT8. He urged members send him their opinion prior to his formal submission to the DXAC Chairman.

The membership was reminded that the CQWW DX contest (SSB) was coming up over the October 27-28 weekend. LIDXA member Adrian, KO8SCA, will be part of a DXpedition team that will be active in Zimbabwe as Z23MD. Details can be found on the web site: <http://www.mdxc.org/z23md/>

With the brief LIDXA meeting concluded at 8:45PM, John turned over the meeting Tom, LIDXA Vice President, and YCCC NYC/LI Area Manager.

Tom spoke briefly on the origin, activities and goals of the YCCC. This overview highlighted membership, awards, logging programs, and “the fun of contesting.” Detailed resources are available on the YCCC web site (<http://www.yccc.org>).

Tom then presented different techniques that are useful in working contests including log submission, propagation forecasts, software programs, spotting clusters, station accessories, etc.

At the conclusion of Tom’s presentation a numbers of attendees paid their annual YCCC dues

With the business portion of this meeting concluded at 9:15PM, John showed a video on the January-February 2014 FT5ZM DXpedition to Amsterdam Island. This highly successful DXpedition made almost 170K QSOs.

This meeting formally ended at around 10:00PM after all the scheduled business and entertainment had finished.

The next regular meeting of the LIDXA will be held on Tuesday November 20, 2016.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary