

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING –October 15, 2019

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

John, W2GW, the LIDXA President, called to order the meeting at 8:55PM. The delay in starting tonight's meeting was due to the low attendance, and the numerous discussions that developed among the members.

Present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Gerry, K1NY; Jack, NU2Q; Rich, KB2ZPB; Art, N2KA; Frank, N2FF; Dave, KA2HTV; Karen, W2ABK; and guests Allen, N2KW.

OLD BUSINESS

Some of the following brief DX was briefly noted:

- General comments were made on the low solar flux during the past month which has been around or below 70. The low bands are fairly good, but noisy. Some limited openings were reported on 17 and 15 meters. *Present side note: Over the past week, on Monday, October 21, 10.7 cm solar flux sunk to possibly the lowest level in recorded history. Solar flux was 64, which is even lower than the 64.4 value recorded way back on July 2, 1954 at the start of Solar Cycle 19, (by far the biggest solar cycle ever recorded). It was noted that solar flux dipped to 64.2 in 1906. The average solar flux this past week was lower than the perhaps all-time lowest weekly average reported in this bulletin (66) back in ARLP035 in August: <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw-bulletins-archive/ARLP035/2019>.*
- Several members reported that there is considerable HF activity in the FT-8 mode and the other digital modes.

NEW BUSINESS

First order of business was the approval of the September 17 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>.

John, W2GW, LIDXA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The annual 2019 dues of \$25 are now overdue. Two-thirds of the membership has already paid their dues.

It was mentioned that thanks to the efforts of Steve, N2AJ, a late luncheon was held on Tuesday, October 8, at *DJs International Buffet* in Garden City, to host guest Japanese DXer, Katsu, JA1DXA, and his daughter Remy.

A discussion came up on whether we should add back silent keys (SK) to our list of Honorary and Members-at-Large listings of the LIDXA. Ed, who maintains these records, stated that it is too difficult to determine the health status of some of these individuals, and the club decided years ago to drop SK from the listings.

With the short business portion of the meeting concluded at 9:10PM, John showed the scheduled DVD on the January 1999 DXpedition to Campbell Island as ZL9CI, which grossed 100K QSOs.

The meeting then concluded at 10:10PM after all the club business and entertainment had finished. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary