

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING—October 17, 1997

Location: Polytechnic University, Farmingdale, N.Y.

The meeting of October 17th was called to order at 8:10 PM by the LIDXA Vice President Marty, NN2C. LIDXA President Frank, N2FF was fulfilling social obligations and could not make this meeting. Marty welcomed the XYLs of members K2ENT, N2DXJ and W2SF, who has her own call of N2WVB.

OLD BUSINESS

Marty mentioned that due to the efforts of Pat, KE2LJ, the club's repeater was now operating with a legal callsign. When the club obtained the new vanity call, W2LDX several months ago, it was realized that a new controller EEPROM with the W2LDX callsign burned-in, was required for proper identification of the repeater automatic ID tone. This was under discussion in last month's meeting and several recommendations were proposed. In the interim, KE2LJ obtained a new EEPROM from the manufacturer and the repeater was identifying the correct callsign. The membership thanked Pat for these efforts.

Ed, K2MFY, LIDXA Secretary had the minutes of the September 19th meeting distributed in advance to the membership. Except for a minor change, the minutes were accepted as written. Russ, W2RL, the LIDXA Treasurer, reported that the club presently has \$2196.10 in the treasury. The membership was reminded that dues in the amount of \$25 for the 1997-1998 year were now being collected.

In terms of DX, several members reported that openings on the bands above 17 meters were becoming more frequent, although somewhat erratic. Some of the 15-meter nets were starting to report increased activity from DX check-ins. In specific items it was also reported that VKØTS, on Macquaire Island was workable on 40 meters SSB in the morning.

Ed reminded the membership that the CQ WorldWide Contest would be held over the weekend of October 27th, with the CW portion scheduled the weekend of November 29th. All members who participate and would be sending in their logs to *CQ Magazine*, were urged to give their final scores to Ed for inclusion in a club effort.

NEW BUSINESS

Marty discussed his trip to London, England for the IOTA Convention last month. Presently the IOTA awards have over 1100 islands listed. An award in memory of past LIDXA member, Bob, K2EYJ, was going to be issued by the IOTA committee to the highest North American scorer in their next IOTA contest. Besides interesting DX camaraderie, Marty mentioned his side-trip to Greenwich, where he was able to straddle the zero-degree prime meridian. He supplemented this talk with a scrap book of photos which were passed around the room.

Marty questioned the membership on their feelings for a Holiday Party. Preliminary comments indicated that an informal get-together in a restaurant in mid-December seemed like the best choice. This subject would be firmed up in the November meeting.

On the subject of Good and Welfare, Marv, W2FGD mentioned that a get-well card from the club would be sent out to member Rich, AC2P.

With no new business matters raised, this portion of this meeting then concluded at 9 PM. Bob, W2SF then showed a professionally-made video of the exciting 1994 DXpedition to Peter Island—complete with penguins, hurricane-winds and a helicopter. Everyone left the meeting shivering a little, but appreciating the efforts of these stalwart DXers.

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

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary