

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING—October 16, 1998

Location: Polytechnic University, Farmingdale, N.Y.

The meeting of October 16 was called to order by the LIDXA President, Marty, NN2C at 8:10 PM. Marty also welcomed guest Jack, WB2PUE, and the XYLs of members K2ENT, N2JE, and N2DXJ.

Marty reminded the membership that dues, in the amount of \$25, is due starting with this meeting.

In terms of DX, several members mentioned that the high bands, notably 12 and 10 meters were really starting to open up to all parts of the world. Ed, K2MFY stated that he heard good openings to Asia, long path on 10 meters, around 1200Z.

The membership was also reminded that the annual CQ World Wide DX Contest will be starting next weekend October 24–25, for the SSB, followed by the CW portion over the November 28–29 weekend. Our exchange to be sent is signal report followed by CQ zone, or generally 59(9)Ø5

A DXpedition to Pratas Island, BV9, may be coming up at the end of the month, or early November. This country is number three on the most wanted DXCC list. Also rumors are that a DXpedition to Buhtan, A5, is expected in the early part of next year.

Ed raised a question on if there was any way to distinguish the difference between the People's Republic of China prefixes (normally BY), and those of Taiwan (normally BV). It appears that common prefixes are sometimes shared between countries. No definite conclusions were determined.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the September 18 meeting were distributed in advance to the membership by the LIDXA Secretary, Ed, K2MFY. Except for a minor correction, these minutes were accepted as written.

Although he was not present, LIDXA Treasurer Russ, W2RL sent in a note to report that the club had \$2056 in the treasury. He also presented a synopsis of the communications he has been having with the IRS regarding the club's application for a not-for-profit status. Due to all the bureaucracy involved, the club's application is presently "pending" until a new IRS agent can be assigned. Russ also requested that his call sign be corrected on the roster and mailing list.

Marty added that we need a volunteer or volunteers to handle the Refreshment Committee starting immediately. If no volunteer(s) is obtained, then the refreshment portion of the monthly meetings would be eliminated.

In terms of packet activity, it was mentioned that there have been numerous interruptions in the TriState Packet cluster, especially with our southern link into the Frankfort Radio Club. Marv, W2FGD stated that part of this problem is some software incompatibilities at the node of K2GX. With the sys-op Les, W2LK over in Italy at the present time, it was not expected that these problems would be cleared up until he returns next week. Several members reported that excellent real-time DX information was always available via Internet at the *DX Summit* Web site: www.oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dxs.

NEW BUSINESS

Marty mentioned that he is planning to document two new amendments to the LIDXA Constitution. One would permanently change the month for elections of new officers from May to April. This is now necessary due to conflicts between the LIDXA election meeting, and the heavily-attended *Dayton Hamvention*. The other amendment suggested, was to keep the start time for the Sunday night

LIDXA net permanently at 8 PM local time and not 0100 GMT (which always changes when we go to EST, *etc.*). He would submit these suggestions in writing to the membership shortly for review and vote.

Marty reported to the membership on his recent trip to Windsor, England, as part of the annual IOTA Convention. He mentioned that the award the Long Island DX Association sponsored in memory of past member Bob, K2EYJ, was awarded at the convention to N6VV/7, who activated many new islands in North America. Although this is a one-time achievement award, Marty recommended that the club send him a congratulatory letter after the IOTA Committee sends the plaque out to N6VV/7.

Following this, Marty then discussed some of the highlights of the convention, British licensing plans, new DX IOTA activities, including the very enjoyable banquet. He brought back a number of RSGB/IOTA souvenirs for the membership.

The business meeting then concluded at 9:20 PM. Following this, an attempt was made to show a video,. but due to technical difficulties the video could not be presented.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary