

## MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING –November 20, 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 November 20 at 8:10PM. Present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Tom, KA2D; Steve, N2AJ; Jack, NU2Q; Rich, KB2ZPB; Art, N2KA; Bob, W2OSR, Walt, W2TE; Dave, KA2HTV; and Rick, K2RB.

### 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, has been activated in late November from Shif Island in the Persian Gulf with the callsign EP6RRC. A few members were successful in working this DXpedition.
- Many members reported activity from VP2MUW on the island of Montserrat.

First order of business was the approval of the October 16 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 in the beginning of the New 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.

### NEW BUSINESS

At the outset of this meeting was discussion on the imminent DXpedition to Bouvet Island by the Rebel DX group. They will be using the callsign 3YØI, and the group's leader is Dom, 3Z9DX. One of their pilot stations will be Steve, N2AJ, for North America (East Coast). This group expects to show the DX community that they can do this massive type of DXpedition for a lot less money than previous attempts. Their web site is [www.rebeldxgroup.com](http://www.rebeldxgroup.com). Although the group has not been soliciting donations, the LIDXA voted unanimously to offer them \$100 to help defray expenses.

The club was reminded that Cezar, VE3LYC, and LIDXA member Adrian, KO8SCA, will operate from a new Pacific island, Morane Atoll (OC-297) and then Marie Est Atoll (OC-113) during the December 3-December 18 timeframe. The club voted to donate \$100 to this DXpedition.

John mentioned that he had received information about a DXpedition to Pitcairn Island for the last two weeks of October 2019. Six of the prospective U.S. operators spent a weekend in Peoria, Illinois doing a preliminary “staging” of the gear. This included unloading the sea container that almost made it to Bouvet Island in that attempt this year. The membership voted to allocate \$100 to this future DXpedition. Their web site is [www.pitcairndx.com](http://www.pitcairndx.com).

It was noted that DX activity should be increasing with the CQWW DX contest (CW) coming up over the November 24-25 weekend.

The membership voted to have our annual Holiday party on Monday, December 10, 6:30PM, at *DJ's International Buffet* on 1100 Stewart Avenue in Garden City (<http://djsbuffet.com>). The club has had a numbers of parties there in previous times. This Holiday dinner will be in lieu of a December LIDXA meeting. Steve, N2AJ, requested that members RSVP to him on their attendance at [stevousa@aol.com](mailto:stevousa@aol.com) so he could confirm the reservation with the restaurant. The cost of the dinner is \$25.75 per person, which includes tax/tip, unlimited food, soda and tea.

The 20th annual “*Ham Radio University*” will once again be held early next year. The date is Saturday January 5, 2019 at *LIU Post, Hillwood Commons*, in Brookville. This year HRU will feature over 30 forums and three workshops. Keynote speaker is Howard Michel, WB2ITX, ARRL Chief Executive Officer. As in past years, the club will be presenting the DX Forum in the afternoon. Members W2GW and K2MFY have indicated their willingness to participate in the program. Further updates in HRU 2019 can be found on <http://hamradiouniversity.org/>.

With the business portion of this meeting concluding at 9:15PM, John showed the DVD on the DXpedition to Malpelo Island (HKØNA) back in January-February 2012. This multi-national DXpedition grossed over 195,000 QSOs. This effort was voted as the DXpedition of the Year (2012).

The meeting then concluded at 10:10PM after all the scheduled business had finished. Since the Holiday Party will take place in lieu of a December meeting, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

John wished the LIDXA a good holiday and hoped to see members earlier at the December dinner or at HRU 2019.

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Ed Whitman, K2MFY  
LIDXA Secretary