

MINUTES OF LIDXA INC. MEETING –November 19, 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 8:20PM. Present at tonight's meeting included John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Ed, K2MFY; Steve, N2AJ, and YL Margaret; Jack, NU2Q; Bob, K2TV; Art, N2KA; Dave, KA2HTV; Rick, K2RB; Gerry, K1NY; Adrian, KO8SCA; Salli, K2RYD; Lou, NO2C; Walt, W2TE; and guests Allen, N2KW; and Bob, KA2ZIU.

John went around the room and had the membership and guests introduce themselves to the all attendees.

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.
- It was reported that the station VK9CZ is active from Cocos Keeling Island. They were heard on 40 meters using the FT8 modes. They expect to be operating from the island until the end of November.
- Several members indicated that they were successful in working T6AA in Kabul, Afghanistan on 40m CW. The operator is S53R and will be working there for a while.
- A number of Polish amateurs operating portable from the Caribbean island of St. Eustatius were very easy to contact. They are using their home calls /PJ5.

NEW BUSINESS

First order of business was the approval of the October 15 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.

A brief discussion was made on the health issues of some club members and ex-members.

A few members mentioned about the good, but brief, openings for DX that appeared in the recent CQ World-Wide Contest, SSB mode, during the last weekend in October. The CW portion of this contest will be over the November 23-24 weekend. Allen, N2KW, indicated that power station K1CC in Connecticut, was looking for operators in its multi-operation for the CW contest.

The LIDXA will be holding its annual Holiday party on Monday, December 9, 6:30PM, at *DJ's International Buffet* on 1100 Stewart Avenue in Garden City (<http://djsbuffet.com>). The club has had a number 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 so he could confirm the reservation with the restaurant. The cost of the dinner is \$26.47 per person, which includes tax/tip, unlimited food, soda and tea.

The 21st annual "*Ham Radio University*" will once again be held early next year. The date is Saturday January 4, 2020 at *LIU Post, Hillwood Commons*, in Brookville. This year HRU will feature over 30 forums and two workshops. Keynote speaker is Kris Bickell, ARRL Lifelong Learning Manager. As in past years, the club will be presenting the DX Forum in the morning. Members W2GW and K2MFY have indicated their willingness to participate in the program and will be talking about DXing, awards, radio propagation, and QSLing. Further updates in HRU 2020 can be found on <http://hamradiouniversity.org/>.

At this point in the meeting the LIDXA traveling DXer, Adrian, KO8SCA, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Tokelau Island in the South Pacific in early October, operating as part of the ZK3A team. The presentation included pictures and highlights of the voyage to the island (Fakaofu Island in the group), the team's operating stations, local inhabitants, and even video taken from a flying drone over the island. More details can be seen in their website: <http://tokelau2019.com/>

Adrian's next stop will be to Swains Island, as part of the W8S DXpedition, in early March 2020. See website: <http://swains2020.ildxt.eu/>

Due to length of Adrian's presentation, the scheduled DVD on the April 2007 DXpedition to Swains Island as N8S was postponed to a later date..

The meeting then concluded at 9:50PM after all the club business and presentation had finished. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 meeting. John reminded the membership about our Holiday dinner on Monday, December 9, and the *Ham Radio University* on Saturday, January 4, 2020.

Ed Whitman, K2MFY
LIDXA Secretary