Northeast Wisconsin DX Association (NEWDXA) Minutes February 22, 2020

Call to order The November meeting of NEWDXA was called to order by President Tom AA9A at 10:30 a.m. at Golden Corral in Green Bay with 20 members & guests present.

Minutes/Financials

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as read. The treasury shows a balance of \$ 2,967.92. Jim K8IR reported members are getting caught up with their dues, with Ed Jones N8LIQ becoming our newest life member.

DX Report The board agreed to donate \$ 100.00 each to the T30ET, 9J2LA, 4W and KH4 DXpeditions. These are the first donations for 2020. Upcoming DXpeditions include:
VP8 – South Orkney Island – February 20 – March 5, 2020 (donated \$100) 9J2LA – Zambia – March 4-15, 2020 (donated \$100) 3B9AN – Rodrigues Island – March 9-18, 2020 T30ET – West Kiribati – March 18 – April 5, 2020 (donated \$100) VU4R – Andaman & Nicobar Island – March 20-31, 2020 (donated \$150) KH4 – Midway Island – October 1-14, 2020 (donated \$100) 4W – Timor Leste – October 25 – November 30, 2020 (donated \$100)

Skip KE9L & Mike N9UA reported that there are rumblings about a St. Peter/Paul Island activation. New DXpedition announcements are expected at Visalia. As always, check the NG3K website (link on NEWDXA page) for updates.

Old/New Business

Mike K9NP reported that Dave Sumner K1ZZ spoke last weeks' Florida Contest Dinner.

Mike N9UA reported that he and Tom AA9A logged almost 2400 QSOs for a total score of 3,013,875 in the recent ARRL DX CW Contest.

Duane K8AO was Mark W9OP's first "customer" in his new club card-checker position. Mark reminded us that while he is able to assist those who submit cards, that WE must complete the forms properly.

Steve K9ZW prompted a discussion on where we need to raise additional funds for the club. With a significant number of current members being "life" members, we have limited income each year which may not be sustainable to maintain the club treasury. Possible solutions discussed included a life member "add-on" with designation as a *Legacy* member, grants, brat fries, or leaving things as is and simply donating to DXpeditions as our funds allow. Soliciting major contributions would require us to attain 501(c)(3) status so that donations would be tax deductible. The board will check on what expense and recordkeeping that would involve. Anne KC9YL will distribute a survey to members for their feedback.

Contest Report

None

Membership Report

No new members proposed. Anne KC9YL reminded those present that club brochures are available for distribution to prospective members.

Program Ideas

Members were asked to submit ideas for futures programs. (Topics discussed at the board meeting were: N1MM, W9XT's Unified Microsystems, Club Log, LOTW, and FT8.) If you have suggestions, please contact N9UA.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m. The 50/50 raffle was won by Duane K8AO.

Current Year DXpedition Donations -

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Next meeting May 9, 2020, 2020 @ Golden Corral in Green Bay

Respectfully submitted, Anne Dirkman KC9YL February 28, 2020