Northeast Wisconsin DX Association (NEWDXA) Minutes January 20, 2018

Call to order The January meeting of NEWDXA was called to order by President Tom Harke AA9Aat 10:30 a.m. at Golden Corral in Green Bay with 20 members present.

Minutes/Financials

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as read. The treasury shows a balance of \$ 2,777.84. Dues are being collected for 2018 and beyond.

DX Report

E31A – now through January 23 - if you work them consider an extra personal donation for Kids Special Olympics

ZC4A – Cyprus – January 14-29, 2018

3Y0Z - Bouvet Island - January 28 - March 14 (donated \$200 - DXpedition aborted)

C9 – Mozambique – January 28 to February 5, 2018

C5DX – The Gambia – February 9-16, 2018

3D2EU - Rotuma - February 23 to March 16, 2018

Z2LA – Zimbabwe – March 2-11, 2018

XR0YD – Easter Island – March 2-15, 2018

XX9B - Macao - March 9-17, 2018 (Large Group)

9M0W & YT1AD Spratly Island – March 10-20

7Q7EI – Malawi – March 21 to April 3 (Large Group)

3B7A - Agalega & St Brandon - April 5-17 (Large French Group)

Old/New Business

Mike N9UA reminded members to submit their logs for the club DX Challenge. John NZ9Z informed members of the 4S7RS Sri Lanka Echolink net daily at 9:30 a.m. local time. John asked members for any leads on a low-cost shipping source to California for Sri Lanka donations.

Dick W9TA presented John with a Kenwood TM-271A, a donation from the Sheboygan County Amateur Radio Club.

Anne KC9YL reported that the club call trustee has been transferred and has been renewed.

Tom shared the club's concerns of the recent ARRL controversy regarding member sanctions and proposals. The club has sent letters to the ARRL and Central Division director, voicing disapproval of recent censures and proposed policy changes, which are reported to be voted on at the ARRL Board meeting this weekend. Tom also noted that the Board President Tom Gallagher NY2RF has announced his resignation, and will step down on March 2.

May's NEWDXA meeting will feature a Skype presentation by Tim Duffy K3LR, COO of DX Engineering.

Contest Report

NEWDXA placed 12th out of 26 clubs in the WIOP with 3 logs submitted.

Membership Report

No new members were proposed.

Open Forum

Ed AA9OZ asked members for ideas to help with propagation forecasting. Suggestions included Reverse Beacon Network, HAMCAP, K6TU (subscription service), VOACAP (Android), DX Summit, DX Heat, ONK4ST (low-band chat). Other discussion included FT-8 modes, the upcoming Bouvet DXpedition, recommended antennas for 80 and 160m, and club clothing (Top Dog in Appleton has the logo on file).

Future meetings for 2018 –

May 5, 2018 September 8, 2018 November 17, 2018

Next meeting May 5, 2018 @ Golden Corral in Green Bay

Respectfully submitted, Anne Dirkman KC9YL February 9, 2018