

Northeast Wisconsin DX Association  
(NEWDXA)  
Minutes  
May 5 2018

Call to order The May meeting of NEWDXA was called to order by President Tom Harke AA9A at 10:30 a.m. at Golden Corral in Green Bay with 21 members & guests present.

Minutes/Financials

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as read. The treasury shows a balance of \$ 2,449.84. Dues are being collected for 2018 and beyond.

DX Report

VK0AI – Macquarie Island - on now (FT8)  
C8T - Mozambique – May 2-15, 2018  
VK9LI – Lord Howe Island - May 11-18, 2018  
3B9 Reunion Island – May 25 – June 15, 2018  
9X2AW – Rwanda – June 5-24, 2018  
OJ0Y – Market Reef – June 27-29, 2018  
KH1 – Baker/Howland Island – June 26 – July 6, 2018  
E6 – Niue – October 6-16, 2018  
VK9XG – Christmas Island – October 16-30, 2018  
VP6D – Ducie Island – October 20 – Nov 3, 2018  
VK9CH/VK9XG, – Christmas I/Cocos Keeling I – Nov 6-10/Nov 10-17, 2018  
4S7NSG – Sri Lanka – November (member op John Meyer NZ9Z)  
Skip K9EL also reported that Kosovo has been active – not doing any low bands  
The board agreed to donate \$ 100 to the VK9XG Christmas Island DXpedition.

Old/New Business

Mike N9UA announced the winners of the 2017 club DX Challenge: Skip 2<sup>nd</sup> place All-mode High Power, Tom AA9A – All-mode 1<sup>st</sup> place High Power and Mike N9UA 1<sup>st</sup> place Low Power. Don't forget to send in your logs for the 2018 competition.

Jack W9MU reported that W9DXCC registration will open shortly, with a great variety of topics scheduled for the Friday sessions of DX & Contest Universities. John NZ9Z will be operating in Sri Lanka during his vacation in November. It was agreed that any money being refunded from the aborted Bouvet 3YOZ will be donated to the Northern California DX Foundation to help fund future DXpeditions.

Activities to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NEWDXA were discussed. Tom AA9A and Anne KC9YL will check into a special event call sign that club members could use for a limited time period in after the September meeting.

Contest Report

Bill N9WK reported that NEWDXA placed 21<sup>st</sup> in the 2017 CQWW contest with only 8 logs submitted. Clubs who placed higher than us had submitted 18 or more logs. Remember to submit your logs, especially for the ARRL and CW contests.

#### Membership Report

None at this meeting, but one new member will be proposed by Gerry WA9GON in September. Anne KC9YL also reminded members of the upcoming WIPOTA event on Saturday, September 15.

#### Open Forum

Mike N9UA asked about club badges. Anne KC9YL will double-check with Top Dog in Appleton for details about club clothing and name badges. Steve W9DK updated members on new Flex/Maestro offerings. 50/50 raffle was won Mark W9OP.

#### Program

Tim Duffy K3LR – COO of DX Engineering gave us an overview of the building of his station in western Pennsylvania. His contest station features 11 operating positions, built over the past 32 years, with 50 antennas on the property. He has collected over 100,000 QSL cards in his 47 years as a ham. Tim said that even though there may not be a lot of young people getting into amateur radio, there are more mature operators getting licensed or becoming active again, due to having more time available in their retirement years. Tim's favorite headphones are the Bose QC15s and he uses Intel Nuc PCs at his station. The IC-7300 is the best-selling radio (by far) that DX Engineering sells.

#### Future meetings for 2018

September 8, 2018  
November 17, 2018

Current Year DXpedition Donations – KH1 – Baker/Howland I - \$ 200.00 (1-20-18)  
VP6D - \$ 100.00 (1-20-18)  
9MOW - \$ 100.00 (1-20-18)  
3B7A - \$ 100.00 (1-27-18)  
VK9XG - \$ 100.00 (voted 5-5-18)

Next meeting September 8, 2018 @ Golden Corral in Green Bay

*Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Dirkman KC9YL  
May 10, 2018*