Northeast Wisconsin DX Association (NEWDXA) **Minutes** September 19, 2015

Call to order The September meeting of NEWDXA was called to order by President Tom Harke at 10:30 a.m. at Holiday's in Neenah. 15 members and 1 guest were present.

Minutes/Financials

Copies of the minutes of the January meeting were distributed and approved. Jim K8IR reported a balance of \$ 2,770.15 and the treasurer's report was approved.

DX Report

Skip KE9L reported on various DXpeditions:

On now: Zimbabwe Z21MG, Cocos Keeling VK9C, Market Reef OJ0DX

Upcoming DXpeditions include:

Lord Howe Island VK9LN – September 22-29, 2015

Vietnam XV2VTC – September 24-30, 2015

Chesterfield TX3X – October 2-12, 2015

Vietnam 3W2HCM – October 16-23, 2015

Macao XX9 – October 16-28, 2015

Bhutan A52CVX – October 27-29, 2015

Vietnam 3W3MD – October 31-Nov 10, 2015

Willis Island VK9WA – November 14-23, 2015

Palmyra KH5/p January 11-26, 2016 (voted to donate \$ 150)

South Georgia Island VP8SGI – January 15 – February 16, 2016

South Sandwich Island VP8STI – January 17-27, 2016

Heard Island VK0EK- March 6 -April 20, 2016

FT5X Juan de Nova & Europa – March 2016 (voted to donate \$150)

Other upcoming DXpeditions in 2016 include Palestine, Cocos Keeling, & Juan de Nova. DXpeditions toBouvet, Kirkland and North Korea are still undetermined at this time.

It was suggested that upcoming DXpeditions should be listed on our website. The N3GK link on our newly revised website will keep you informed of current and upcoming activations.

Old Business none

New Business John NZ9Z is working on updating the member list and making sure we have current contact information on all active members.

> Mike N9UA received an email from Tom Prust N9WI who continues to travel and may not be able to attend NEWDXA meetings. He has paid the renewal cost for our website domain names. Anne KC9UHH will send him a thank-you for his donation.

Congrats to Mike N9UA, who placed first in the Central Division with a new record in the ARRL DX phone contest from AA9A's station.

Contest Report none

Open Forum none

The meeting was adjourned followed by lunch and several presentations:

Jack Hudson W9MY - DXing tools & getting through the pile-ups Tips included: assume the DX station is working split – LISTEN! before you call, remember the clusters sometimes include inaccurate or misleading information, watch propagation (VOACAP, W6EL, HAMCAP), listen to the op's rate, if it's high, he's probably not tuning

John Meyer NZ9Z – Submitting your cards to your card-checker – John reminded applicants to CHECK your QSO's before hitting the SAVE button when using the online application – too many corrections will result in being charged the full rate.

Mike Lawrence N9UA – Using the new NEWDXA website to improve your Dxing. Tom went through the pages & links that are now available. Thanks to Mike, his wife Michelle, and Gerry WA9GON for all of their hard work.

Tom Harke AA9A – Introduction to ClubLog – Tom gave a quick overview of features of ClubLog, including signing up for leagues and contest groups and will go into more detail in a future presentation. There was a question about where to purchase IRC's and Tom will have some available at the next meeting.

Next meeting - Golden Corral in Green Bay - November 14, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Dirkman KC9UHH September 20, 2015