

Northeast Wisconsin DX Association
(NEWDXA)
Minutes
January 21, 2017

Call to order The January meeting of NEWDXA was called to order by President Tom Harke AA9A at 10:30 a.m. at Golden Corral in Green Bay with 24 members and guests present.

Minutes/Financials

The minutes of the November meeting were approved. The treasury shows a balance of \$ 2,727.82. \$100 for the Baker Island DXpedition has not been paid.

DX Report

Scheduled DXpeditions include:

Ivory Coast TU5MH (January 22-February 2)
Falkland Islands VP8 (January 23-30)
TL8TT – Central African Republic – February 1-14)
Cyprus SBA ZC4A (February 2-8)
Fernando de Noronha PY0F (15-21)
Easter Island CE0Y (February 10-17)
Macao XX9D (February 13-26)
Pitcairn Island VP6EU (February 16-March 5)
Sint Maartin PJ7 (February 17-25)
San Andres & Providencia 5J0NA (February 13-27)
South Shetland Island LU1ZI (February 17-19)
Niger 5U5R (March 9-21)
Vanatu YJ (January 20 – February 23)
KH1 Baker & Howland Island (September 2017 – status is questionable)
Bouvet 3Y0Z (January-February 2018)

Old/New Business

Officer elections were held and the following will hold two year terms: Vice President N9UA and Jim Callow W9JJC. Director Mark W9OP was elected to a 2 year position. The other director, Bob Gedemer KA9JAC's position will be up for re-election for 2018, along with President and Secretary.

The NEWDXA website has been updated, adding some color-coding for ease of use. Members voted to reimburse Gerry WA9GON \$100 for software he purchased to help make the website more mobile-friendly.

Upcoming contests were reviewed and questions were asked & answered during the Open Forum session, which we hope to make a regular part of future meetings. Topics discussed were electronic QSL cards, QCWA, SDR and QSL card disqualification.

Members were reminded to submit their logs for the club DXCC Challenge by February 1 to Mike N9UA.

Membership Report

The group welcomed new member #127 W9OD Craig Taylor and voted in member # 128 Dave Baldrige N9AI. Members were reminded that dues are being collected for 2017 and beyond. The member list has been posted to the website, including the year that dues are paid through. Life members, charter members and Honor Roll status are also designated. Please contact Anne KC9YL for any updates or errors.

Remaining meetings for 2017 -

May 6, 2017
September 23, 2017
November 18, 2017

The 50/50 raffle was won by Jerry K9USN (again!) and netted the club \$48. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m. followed by 2 programs. Mark W9OP talked about insuring your amateur radio station. Topics included homeowners policies vs ham radio insurance, deductibles, what equipment should be insured. Other factors discussed were whether labor is included in the cost, damage due to flood & collapse, scheduled items and replacement coverage. Tom AA9A talked about the DXCC Marathon. It's a good way to challenge yourself to GET ON THE AIR, working as many countries & zones as you can each calendar year. There are no QSL cards to deal with, but diligent watching for spots & DXpeditions will help you increase your score. Keep your contest database updated. Incorrect countries account for 28% of the errors, busted calls 24%, and invalid calls 22%. 60% of entries are in the unlimited category.

Next meeting – May 6, 2017 @ Golden Corral in Green Bay

*Respectfully submitted,
Anne Dirkman KC9YL
February 10, 2017*