

Northeast Wisconsin DX Association
(NEWDXA)
Minutes
May 6, 2017

Program We were fortunate to have Mike McGirr K9AI as our special guest presenter. Mike showed videos of the adventures on the 2016 VP8STI(#3) and VP8SGI(#8) South Sandwich and South Georgia Island DXpedition by the Intrepid Group. The Braveheart provided transportation and support to the group. VP8STI made 54,655 QSOs and VP8SGI made 82,845. The DXpedition was full of challenges with threatening weather, ice floes and 70-100 mph winds.

Call to order The May meeting of NEWDXA was called to order by President Tom Harke AA9A at 11:35 a.m. at Golden Corral in Green Bay with 23 members and guests present.

Minutes/Financials

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read. The treasury shows a balance of \$ 3,103.82. \$100 for the Baker Island DXpedition has not yet been paid.

DX Report

KH1 – Baker/Howland is still a possibility – they are working with US Fish/Wildlife for permits for the planned September/October 2017 activation. Scheduled DXpeditions include:
E44WE – Palestine - May 16-30, 2017
E31A - Eritrea by JH1AJT – May 19-29, 2017
OJ0W - Market Reef – May 27 to June 3, 2017
VK9XI – Christmas Island – October 3-10, 2017
VK9C1 – Cocos Keeling - October 10-17, 2017
VK9CZ – Cocos Keeling – October 23 to November 6, 2017
VK9MA – Mellish Reef – November 2017
9U4M – Burundi – November 6-17, 2017
3YOZ – Bouvet Island – January 20 to February 28, 2018
9MOW – Spratly Island – March 10 to 28, 2018

Old/New Business

Mike N9UA presented certificates to the winners of the 2016 NEWDXA DX Challenge. High power top scorer was Dwight NS9I with 1,082 points, followed by Tom AA9A with 1,033 with Duane K8AO taking 3rd place with 412 points. Mike N9UA took the top spot for low power with 678 points. Thanks to Mike for compiling the scores for this year challenge – send him your ADIF files at the end of the year for the 2017 NEWDXA Challenge.
Mark W9OP reported on the Visalia International DX Contention that was held in April. Bouvet is still raising funds for their DXpedition. The top 20 most wanted DX are being considered for activations, with many already in the works. W9DXCC is scheduled for September 15-16 in Schaumburg, Illinois and will again feature Contest & DX Universities on Friday. Rick Roderick K5UR, ARRL President, will be the Saturday night banquet speaker.

The club voted to donate \$100 to 9U4M Burundi and an additional \$200 to the Bouvet DXpedition.

Contest Report

Bill N9WK reported that in the 2016 CQ WW SSB contest, NEWDXA placed #22 with only 4 members participating. Central Division Kermit Carlson W9XA will present the club's award for #1 small club in the 2016 ARRL's International DX Phone contest at the September meeting.

81 stations were disqualified in the recent CQ WW contest. Self-spotting, operating out-of-band, and using assistance in the unassisted category were the major offenses.

Membership Report

No new members were proposed. Current members are being contacted to make sure we have their current email address on file.

Remaining meetings for 2017 -

September 23, 2017

November 18, 2017

Tom Liska K9CJM won the 50/50 raffle and the club netted \$ 50.00. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next meeting September 23, 2017- @ Golden Corral in Green Bay

*Respectfully submitted,
Anne Dirkman KC9YL
May 20, 2017*