

Northeast Wisconsin DX Association
(NEWDXA)
Minutes
November 9, 2019

Call to order The November meeting of NEWDXA was called to order by President Tom AA9A at 10:30 a.m. at Golden Corral in Green Bay with 14 members & guests present.

Minutes/Financials

The minutes of the September meeting were corrected and approved as read. The treasury shows a balance of \$ 2,802.35. Dues were collected at the meeting.

DX Report The membership voted to donate \$ 150.00 to the W8S Swains Island DXpedition. Mike N9UA reported on several upcoming DXpeditions:
TX7T – Marquesas – on now thru November 19, 2019
VK9CZ – Cocos Keeling – November 12-29, 2019
H40 – Temotu –November 14-26, 2019
V63 – Micronesia - November 22-27, 2019
TO9W - St Martin – December 4-13, 2019
VP8 – South Orkney Island – February 20 – March 5, 2020 (donated \$ 100)
KH4 – Midway Island – October 1-14, 2020 (will discuss donation in January)
Dom's proposed second attempt at a Bouvet activation was discussed. Gerry WA9GON reported that there is a Gofundme page, showing \$ 9,000 of their \$85,000 goal raised as of this morning.
Check the NG3K website (link on NEWDXA page) for updates.

Old/New Business

John Meyer NZ9Z was given a token of appreciation for his 20 years of service as NEWDXA card checker. Mark W9OP will assume card checker duties on January 1.
Mike gave an update on additional categories for the 2020 NEWDXA Challenge contest. Check the NEWDXA website for more information. Don't forget to submit your 2019 logs to Mike, and to CQ for the DX Marathon as well. Kermit W9XA reported that there have been 290 DX entities on the air so far in 2019. Members voted to reimburse Jim K8IR \$50 for expenses incurred in updating the security of the club website (SSL).

Contest Report

ARRL SSB Sweepstakes is coming up next weekend, November 16-18. CQ's Worldwide DX CW contest will be the following weekend, November 23-24.

Election of Officers

The following were re-elected for the two year term of 2020 – 2021:
Tom Harke – AA9A – President
Anne Dirkman – KC9YL – Secretary/Membership Coordinator
Gerry Radke – WA9GON – Director
The following offices will be up for re-election in November 2020: Vice President, Treasurer & Director

Membership Report

No new members proposed. Anne KC9YL set up a membership booth at the FCARC Hamfest in November and handed out club brochures and answered questions about NEWDXA. Tom AA9A suggested that we reach out to local new or active DXers as a way to recruit new members.

Program

Mark suggested that Ardy Nelson KA9WAR give a presentation at our January meeting on the Peshtigo Fire which will commemorate its 150 year anniversary in 2021. Ardy's grandmother was a survivor.

Meeting dates for 2020 were approved:

January 18, 2020

May 9, 2020

September 19, 2020

November 7, 2020

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.
The 50/50 raffle was won by Mark W9OP.

Program: Kermit Carlson W9XA, ARRL Central Division Director presented the gavel to the club for placing first in the local club category of the 2016 ARRL International DX Phone contest. Kermit then gave an extensive talk about the concerns and challenges of the ARRL. Topics discussed included the Parity Act, DXCC rules, the Official Observer program, Band allocations, Lifelong Learning, ARRL Publications, encryption, wireless power transfer for electric cars, and proposed additional privileges for Technicians on the HF bands. Current amateurs would need to mentor these new Techs if these privileges are approved. About 13% of ARRL members are Technicians, but 50% of all hams in the US are Techs. ARRL is addressing its loss of 200,000 members in the last 5 years. A new publication will be available in 2020 with content more appropriate to newer hams. ARRL members will be able to opt for the QST or the new *On the Air* for their paper copy subscriptions. Digital copies of both magazines will be available to ARRL members.

Current Year DXpedition Donations – T31EU – Kanton Island - \$ 100.00 (voted 12-8-18)
VP6 – Pitcairn Island - \$100.00 (voted 1-19-19)
ZK3X – Tokelau - \$100.00 (voted 1-19-19)
T30GC – Western Kiribati - \$100.00 (voted 5-11-19)
VU6RI - Lakshadweep Island – 50.00 (voted 9-21-19)
VP8 – South Orkney Island - \$ 100.00 (voted 9-21-19)
W8S – Swains Island - \$ 150.00 (voted 11-9-19)

Next meeting January 18, 2020 @ Golden Corral in Green Bay

*Respectfully submitted,
Anne Dirkman KC9YL
November 10, 2019*