

Northeast Wisconsin DX Association
(NEWDXA)
Minutes
September 23, 2017

Call to order The September meeting of NEWDXA was called to order by President Tom Harke AA9A at 10:30 a.m. at Golden Corral in Green Bay with 22 members and guests present.

Minutes/Financials

The corrected minutes of the January meeting were approved. The treasury shows a balance of \$ 2,927.82. Donations for Burundi and Bouvet have been paid. Members were reminded to pay their dues for 2017.

DX Report

VK9XI – Christmas Island – October 2-10, 2017
VK9XGJ - Christmas Island – October 2-19, 2017 – mostly EME
T88CS - Palau – October 6-10, 2017 – Palau
VK9CI - Cocos Keeling – October 10-17, 2017 (donated \$200 w/Christmas I)
S21ZDC – Bangladesh – October 13-18, 2017
E44WE – Palestine – October 18-29, 2017
A25A – Botswana – October 20-November 5, 2017
VK9CZ – Cocos Keeling – October 22-November 6, 2017
ZC4MK - Cyprus SBA – October 27-31, 2017
VK9MA – Mellish Reef – November 3-16, 2017 (donated \$100)
9U4M – Burundi – November 6-17, 2017 (donated \$100)
3W9CW – Vietnam – November 17-30, 2017
3YOZ – Bouvet Island – January 25 to March 14, 2018 (donated \$ 200)
9MOW – Spratly Island – March 10 - 20, 2018
KH1 – Baker/Howland – June 17-23, 2018

Old/New Business

K3LR from DX Engineering has offered Skype presentations to ham radio clubs. We have a program in place for November, but will consider this for a future meeting. The board voted to donate \$100 to VK9MA Mellish Reef and club members voted to donate \$200 to the VK9XI and VK9CI Christmas I/Cocos Keeling DXpeditions.
Mike N9UA presented a certificate to Duane K8AO who took 3rd place with 412 points in the NEWDXA DX Challenge.
We are looking to reschedule our May meeting to the end of April and will research suitable dates.

Contest Report

none

Membership Report

No new members were proposed.

Thanks to The Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, who donated 2 passes for their November 5 Swapfest at Monarch Gardens in Appleton. Duane K8AO won the 50/50 raffle and the club netted \$ 50.00.

The meeting adjourned.

Program Mahinda Abeyawardhane 4S7PA was our guest speaker and shared his stories about amateur radio in Sri Lanka and the part it played in the May 2017 flooding. At some sites, the hams were in place even before the military arrived. Hams assisted with the coordination of hospital evacuation. HF 40/80 meters frequencies were utilized, since the placement of repeaters and the mountainous terrain made VHF nearly impossible. The Radio Society of Sri Lanka members also assisted in the 2004 tsunami, where 38,000 people perished. Radio club members participate in JOTA, DXpeditions and present workshops to area schools and universities. John NZ9Z encouraged members to donate radio equipment to Sri Lanka. Two dozen donated radios from NEWDXA members and other NE Wisconsin hams, have, for the first time, placed rigs in the hands of about 10% of the approximately 200 licensed Sri Lankan hams. After a question/answer period, we watched a Heard Island DXpedition video.

Remaining meetings for 2017 -

November 18, 2017

Next meeting November 18, 2017- @ Golden Corral in Green Bay

*Respectfully submitted,
Anne Dirkman KC9YL
October 12, 2017*

REMINDER

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018 WILL BE HELD AT THE
NOVEMBER 18 MEETING. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, PLEASE
CONTACT ONE OF THE CURRENT OFFICERS.**