

Northeast Wisconsin DX Association
(NEWDXA)
Minutes
September 10, 2016

Call to order

The September meeting of NEWDXA was called to order by President Tom Harke AA9A at 10:00 a.m. at Schloegel's Bay View Restaurant in Menominee, MI. Nineteen members & 1 guest were present.

Minutes/Financials

The minutes of the May meeting were corrected and approved. There were no prospective members. Jim K8IR reported a treasury balance of \$ 2,974.82 before dues that we collected at today's meeting.

DX Report

Recommendations to approve \$ 200.00 donations to KH1 Baker Island (2017) and Bouvet 3Y0Z (2018) were approved.

Other upcoming DXpeditions include:

7P8VA Lesotho – August 26 – November 5, 2016\

A5A Bhutan – September 8-17, 2016

D66D Comoros – September 15 – October 4, 2016

VK9C Cocos Keeling – September 20-October 4, 2016 (club donated \$100)

T30COW – West Kiribati - September 24-27, 2016

8Q7MD – Maldives – October 2-12, 2016

T31T Central Kiribati – October 5-30, 2016

3D2GG Fiji – October 11-13, 2016

ZL7G Chatham Island – October 16-November 9, 2016

3W2R Vietnam – October 20-28, 2016

XU7MDC Cambodia – November 4-14, 2016

Don't forget to check for updated DXedition info on the NEWDXA website, NG3K tab.

Old/New Business

Mike N9UA set a record in the ARRL 2016 DX Phone Contest SOUHP with 3,764,487 points.

The club took first place in the local club competition of the ARRL 2016 DX Phone Contest with 8,907,393 points.

Membership Report

No new members have been recommended at this time but there are a few referrals in the works.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mark W9OP shared information on WPX and gave a presentation on the Islands of the Air (IOTA) program. There are 1585 named islands and the program is administered by the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). The group is asking for donations as they transition toward electronic logging. There is also a U.S. Islands program – that is completely separate, since the IOTA only includes islands within the U.S. IOTA islands must be located in the open sea, not a lake or river, must be natural, not man-made, must be demonstrably above water at high tide and must have a recognized island name! Mark recommended the IOTA directory, available through the ARRL store.

Dwight NS9I gave a great demo on JT65, operating while making a Q with a Florida station, remotely via his home station in Suamico. JT65 and JT9 require minimal bandwidth and it's a good way to find some rare DX. You can use WSPR to see how your signal is getting out. WSJT-x is free software. You need to set your computer's clock or you'll be out of synch. You can find JT signals day or night – the better your soundcard, the better your Tx & Rx. Dwight recommended JTAAlert as well as DX Labs logging software.

See you at the next meeting!

November 12, 2016

Golden Corral in Green Bay, WI

*Respectfully submitted,
Anne Dirkman KC9YL
October 7, 2016*