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Northeast Wisconsin DX Association
(NEWdxA)
January 19, 2013
Minutes

Call To Order

The Annual Meeting of NEWdxA was called to order by President George Croy, W9MDP, at 10:00 am at Old Country Buffet, Green Bay, WI. Twenty one members were present.

Minutes/Financials

The minutes of the November 2012 meeting were approved as presented and Jim, K8IR, newdx# 60, reports we have \$2,709.25 in the treasury with \$160 collected and not deposited yet.

Annual Business

Members were reminded that dues are due in January of each year. Annual Association Dues are \$10.00 per year and Life Membership dues are \$125.00 and can be paid in two (2) successive annual installments of \$67.50 each. In addition, a Family membership category shall be added with dues being \$15.00 per year.

Next year's meeting dates were reviewed and they are:

January 19, 2013	Green Bay, WI
May 4, 2013	Menominee, MI
September 14, 2103	Green Bay, WI
November 9, 2013	Green Bay, WI

DX Report

Skip, KE9L, newdx #CL-13, reported on various up-coming DX-peditions. NEWDXA will donate \$100 to each the Burundi (9U) late Feb. and the Clipperton – March, (TX5K) dx peditions, the board approved the funding expenses. Bob, KA9JAC, newdx #L25, informed the membership on IRC's and he mentioned a DX forever stamp could be in the works. Check with the recipient before enclosing IRC's with your QSL's.

Considerable time was spent discussing the past Campbell Island dx pedition (ZL9HR) controversy which involves where and how their extra donated dx funds were distributed.

Along the same topic line were discussions about the rising costs of dx peditions. It was mentioned that a Heard Island dx pedition coming up (2014) may cost close to one million dollars.

Tom, K9CJM, newdx#76, sent NEWDXA an article from the Jan/Feb issue of "The DX Magazine". The title "**How Can We Cover the Huge Costs of Future DX peditions**". This article was discussed by the board and presented to the members present at the meeting. There is no easy answer to this concern about the high costs of dx peditions.

John, NZ9Z, newdx# CL-02, reported on the latest “Log Book of the World” situation. The LBW is having trouble supporting (storing) all the entries being provided by amateurs. He also mentioned (he is the association ARRL Field Checker) he has worked over 100 countries on 160 meters and as soon as the latest contacts are confirmed he will be able to check 160 meter cards.

A **motion** was made by Bob, KA9JAC, newdx# L25, and it was seconded that “NEWDXA send a letter to the dx pedition leaders in charge of the ZL9HR dx pedition stating that newdx supports the recommendations put forth by INDXA and also believes that all excess dx funds be distributed equally among the operators who had to pay their way”. Motion carried.

NEW member: Jack Hudson, W9MU, from Richmond, Illinois applied for membership and was approved by the membership effective 1/19/13. Jack lives in Illinois but has a second home in Marinette, he knows hams from the area. He has been licensed since 1955. Jack will present the program for the May 4th meeting in Menominee, MI - the topic will be “Antennas and Feed lines”. Jack is newdx#116.

A proposal was presented to the NEWDXA board by Ed Douglass, AA9OZ, newdx#CL-15, regarding using our website for the sharing of information by members. The board discussed the topic and both Gerry, WA9GON, newdx#C-05, and Jim, K8IR, newdx#60, who control the website indicated that a better place to have a “sharing of information” site was Yahoo Groups. Jim has set up such a site for use by members wish to take advantage of such a site for sharing.

The group name is : newdx -- the group home page is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/newdx> and the group email is: newdx@yahoogroups.com

The membership liked this idea and the newdx “yahoo.groups” site has members already signed up. Great idea Ed!

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 11:04 pm.

Program: Program director Mike, N9UA, newdx# L31, provided an excellent DVD on HK0NA - Malpelo Island 2012 DX pedition. 195,000 Q’s were made. All DVD equipment provided by John, NZ9Z, newdx#CL-02.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Croy, W9MDP, Acting Secretary

Last minute note: Gerry Radke, WA9GON, newdx#C-05, Appleton, WI and Jack Hudson, W9MU, newdx#116, Richmond, IL are the newest members of newdx to become members of the half century group. They have been a continuously licensed amateur radio operator for over 50 years. Welcome to the Half Century Group, you are an old timer! Send them congratulations.