

Northeast Wisconsin DX Association
(NEWDXA)
Minutes
November 1, 2025

The meeting began with a presentation by Gene Spinelli K5GS on the “Conundrum of Financing DXpeditions.”. He is one of the founders and current treasurer of the Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) which has funded major DXpeditions. He focused his remarks on the Clipperton TX5S as well as the significant shortfalls that recent ventures have experienced. With ship charter expenses (upwards of \$250,000), lack of funding from donations and sponsors, and free QSL confirmation being available through LOTW, supporting these major DXpeditions financially is challenging, at best. A common thread seems to be that only about 15% of those who contact these entities make any kind of monetary donation – whether through OQRS or direct donation. Aside from the DXpedition’s financial concerns, organizers also need to consider the operators themselves – their physical fitness, skill and experience, limited resources for their personal monetary contributions, ability to be away from home for 3-6 weeks – as well as having permission to access some of these remote entities, which are protected or otherwise managed by outside agencies/governments.

The regular meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. by President Bob Ronk W9AP.

Secretary’s Report

Anne KC9YL read the minutes, which were approved as read.

Treasurer’s Report

Jim K8IR reported a balance of \$ 4,330.40.

Steve K9ZW reminded everyone that his donation match is still available for 2025.

K8IR reported that no such donations have been received for this calendar year.

Old Business

None

New Business

FCARC is holding their Hamfest tomorrow at Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh.

Anne KC9YL reported that the NB9QV Cobia club is activating for Veteran’s Day next weekend. Members who are interested in operating should contact her directly.

She acknowledged Wolf River Coils for the recent antenna donation to the Cobia Club.

K9ZW offered an invitation for club members to operate at W9EVT’s station on Washington Island during the period of the Bouvet Activation in February.

There was a brief discussion on expanding the interest in amateur radio through exposure to Meshtastic, as well as considering donations to DXpeditions as a way to perpetuate the hobby.

W9AP remarked that W9DXCC continues to strive to make sure that their Contest/DX University presentations remain relevant.

Larry K9IQ had a recent tower project completed and recommends his contractor.

Contact Larry for more information. He also has a gin pole that he is willing to lend out to members. (He’s good on QRZ)

Mel K9GB has the files from last Month’s FT8/DX presentation. Contact him if you’d like a copy (also good on QRZ)

Membership Report

Dave (Yogi) WN9Q has reactivated his membership and we welcome member #135
Chuck Guentner K0VSH.

Election of Officers

By unanimous acclamation the following were re-elected to serve terms for 2026-2027.

Bob Ronk W9AP President

Anne Dirkman KC9YL Secretary

Mike Ortleib KN9P Director

DX Report

We will donate \$ 100 to TX9W Marquesas and an additional \$ 750.00 to 3Y0K
Bouvet.

For a complete list of upcoming DXpeditions, check the club website – (NG3K tab).

Start	End	DXCC	Call
Date	Date	Entity	
2025 Oct20	2025 Nov07	Wallis & Futuna Is	FW5K
2025 Oct21	2025 Nov04	Somalia	6O3T
2025 Oct29	2025 Nov12	Madagascar	5R8TT
2025 Oct30	2025 Nov10	Sierra Leone	9L8MD
2025 Oct31	2025 Nov20	Burundi	9U1RU
2025 Nov03	2025 Nov20	Chatham I	ZL7
2025 Nov20	2025 Nov30	San Andres I	5J0EA
2025 Nov23	2025 Dec05	Chatham I	ZL7
2025 Nov25	2025 Dec05	Bhutan	A52AA
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW (Nov 29-30, 2025)			
2025 Dec21	2025 Dec27	Bangladesh	S21DX
2025 Dec30	2026 Jan03	Monaco	3A
2026 Jan10	2026 Jan22	Lakshadweep Is	VU7
2026 Feb15	2026 Mar14	Bouvet I	3Y0K
ARRL International DX Contest, CW (Feb 21-22, 2026)			

Contest Report

Mike N9UA reminded attendees of the CQ WW DX CW contest the end of November.

Meeting called to Adjourn at 11:22 a.m.

Reminder – Our Saturday, January 10 meeting will be held on ZOOM. The new membership year begins on January 1.