

Northeast Wisconsin DX Association
(NEWDXA)
Minutes
May 11, 2019

Call to order The May meeting of NEWDXA was called to order by President Tom AA9A at 10:30 a.m. at Golden Corral in Green Bay with 16 members & guests present.

Minutes/Financials

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read. The treasury shows a balance of \$ 2,530.84. Dues were collected at the meeting. Members were reminded to pay their dues for 2019. Jim K8IR remarked that Associated Bank will be our new financial institution. There will be additional board discussion on the benefits vs expense of an LLC and/or attaining 501(c)3 status.

DX Report

Membership voted to donate \$ 100.00 to the T3OGC Western Kiribati DXpedition, and \$ 50.00 to Mike, V51MA from Namibia, who lost all of his equipment in a lightning strike. Rebel DX group is planning a return trip to Bouvet this fall. SV2ASP Mount Athos' Monk Apollo became a SK on May 5.

Upcoming DXpeditions include:

FW5JG – Wallis & Futuna – May 6-20, 2019

K7Y – Alaska – May 9-13, 2019 (new IOTA NA250)

EX26Y – Kyrgyzstan – May 13-15, 2019

XV9BO – Vietnam – May 13-19, 2019

T8 – Palau – May 16-24, 2019

E31A – Eritrea – May 25 to June 3, 2019

5W – Samoa – June 1-10, 2019

S9A – Sao Tome – June 6-18, 2019

H44MS – Solomon Is – July 5-20, 2019

CY9C – St. Paul Is – July 31 to August 7, 2019

9U3TMM – Burundi – August 31 to September 17, 2019

T8 – Palau – September 12-21, 2019

5X0T – Uganda – September 20-October 6, 2019

A35JT – Tonga – September 24 to October 6, 2019

A82X – Liberia – September 28 to October 11, 2019

ZK3X – Tokelau – October 1-15, 2019 (donated \$100)

T30GC – West Kiribati - October 7-23, 2019 (donated \$100)

VP6R – Pitcairn Island – October 18 to November 1, 2019 (donated \$100)

VU7RI – Lakshadweep Is – October 19 to November 3, 2019

TX – Marquesas – November 6-19, 2019

VK9CZ – Cocos Keeling – November 12-29, 2019

VP8 – South Orkney Island – February/March 2020

Check the NG3K website (link on NEWDXA page) for updates.

Old/New Business

Mark W9OP congratulated the club on its success in the 2018 CQ WW contest where we placed 22nd in the US local club category. Of the club's 8.4MM points, 3.8MM of those were contributed by Mike N9UA operating at AA9A's station. Mike had 2108 QSOs in 140 zones.

Contest Report

None

Membership Report

Welcome new member # 131 - Dick Van Zandt K9OM.

Program Report

Mike N9UA reported that we have mostly exhausted the selection of videos from the NCCC and is looking for suggestions for upcoming meeting topics. **Contact the board if you are interested in presenting at a meeting, or have ideas for other topics.**

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Open Forum

Kermit W9XA will attend our November meeting. General discussion included Fox/Hound mode on FT8, the lack of resources for new hams and those who may not be familiar with amateur radio. Suggestions were made to expose new hams to DXing and contesting in order to encourage Technicians to upgrade their licenses. Let them know there's more to amateur radio than HTs and repeaters. Dwight NS9I noted that the FT4 software needs some development, particularly on the RX end, but that it is FAST! Members recommended ARRL's book on RF grounding & bonding and W9KNI's *The Complete DXer* and the movie *Green Book*.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Craig W9OD.

Future meetings for 2019:

September 21, 2019

November 9, 2019

Current Year DXpedition Donations – 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)

Next meeting September 21, 2019 @ Golden Corral in Green Bay

*Respectfully submitted,
Anne Dirkman KC9YL
May 14, 2019*