

Northeast Wisconsin DX Association
(NEWDXA)
Minutes
May 2, 2015

Call to order

The May meeting of NEWDXA was called to order by Vice President Mike Lawrence N9UA at 10:05 a.m. at Schloegel's Bay View Restaurant in Menominee, Michigan. 21 members and several guests were present.

Minutes/Financials

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved with corrections. Jim K8IR reported a balance of \$ 2,796.65.

DX Report

Skip KE9L reported on various upcoming DXpeditions:

ZW0FWA Fernando de Noronha is on now

TX3X Chesterfield – October 2015 (voted to donate \$100)

VK0EK Heard Island – November 2015

3Y0F Bouvet Island - December 2015

KH5/p Palmyra January 2016

VP8SGI South Georgia Island & VP8STI South Sandwich Island – Jan-Feb 2016 (NEWDXA donated \$200)

FT5X Juan de Nova & Europa – March 2016

Other upcoming Dxpeditons include: Market Reef, Lord Howe Island, Wake I, Vietnam, Palestine and Cocos Keeling. If you hear of any upcoming Dxpeditons that we should consider for donations, please email Skip or Dwight NS9I. Skip also talked about ClubLog and praised its many features.

New Business

Mike called for a moment of silence to pay respects to Arden Nelson's wife and Wayne Johnson K9MIF (sk).

John NZ9Z reported that the A4S arrived in Sri Lanka and they are working on obtaining a guyed mast. John has a Kenwood 2m repeater ready to go and asked if anyone had any 440 HTs to donate. John won the 50/50 raffle and donated his share to the club.

Ed Engleman KG8CX reported that Tom Harke's Dxpediton PJ7AA achieved 9,000 Qs using a Buddipole antenna. Ed has been asked to participate in the Dayton Instructor Forum and will be accompanied by 4 YACHT representatives from the DAR ham Radio Club who will be participating in the Youth Forum.

Jack Hudson W9MU talked about the upcoming W9DXCC convention. Program topics for the DX University include Glenn Johnson W0GJ on "Listen Up", small station hamming, lifetime of DXing, daily DXing, low-band DXing and 4 sessions of Contest University by K9CT Craig Thompson.

Bill Koltz N9WK encouraged members to continue to submit contest scores as NEWDXA club members. 4 members submitted for the WPX SSB contest.

There was extensive discussion regarding future meeting sites. The Golden Corrals in Green Bay and Appleton have private side rooms available with room for 80 people. Schloegel's will continue to be the site of our May meeting. Our September meeting will be held at Holiday's in Neenah, which features a projection screen, microphone/sound system & wireless internet. They normally open at 11:00 a.m. but will open early for our board/regular meetings with a special lunch menu available for the group.

New Members

2 new members were recommended and approved:

KA8TFF – Scott Jarmusch, Iron Mountain, MI # 124

AJ8MH – Joseph Hutchens, Marquette, MI # 125

Welcome to NEWDXA!

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 followed with a preview of the revised NEWDXA website pages. Version 1 was the popular choice of the two versions. Suggestions of pages/links to add were taken from the members. We plan to add a scroll of QSL cards. Mike also rolled out the NEWDXA 2015 DX Challenge. Members can compete in HP, LP & QRP categories. Each DX entity and each zone will count for 1 point per band. Cabrillo files will be emailed to N9UA who will determine the winner. Challenge begins July 1. More information will be sent out in June.

See you at the next meeting!

September 19, 2015

Neenah, WI – Holiday's Pub & Grill

November 14, 2015

Green Bay, WI

*Respectfully submitted,
Anne Dirkman KC9UHH
May 7, 2015*