

Northeast Wisconsin DX Association
(NEWDXA)
Minutes
May 7, 2016

Call to order

The May meeting of NEWDXA was called to order by President Tom Harke AA9A at 10:00 a.m. at Golden Corral, Green Bay, WI. Twenty three members & 1 guest were present.

Minutes/Financials

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read. Jim K8IR reported a donation to VK9CK leaving a balance of \$ 2,813.82. Some members paid their dues at the meeting and the 50/50 raffle netted \$56.00.

DX Report

Skip KE9L DXpedition has been good since fall, and reported the following upcoming announced DXpeditions:

E44QX Palestine – May 8-15, 2016

PY0NY Fernando de Noronha – May 13-23, 2016

VQ9RA Chagos – May 25-30, 2016

P5 – Dom is hoping to activate this summer

8Q7HW Maldives – June 20-28, 2016

S79V Seychelles – July 1-16, 2016

CY9C St Paul – August 19-28, 2016

D66D Comoros – September 15 – October 4, 2016

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

ZL7G Chatham I – October 16-November 9, 2016

XU7MDC Cambodia – November 4-14, 2016

Keep an eye out for activation info for Mount Athos, San Felix, Bouvet & Crozet

The sunspot cycle is winding down, members are encouraged to work the higher bands while they can.

Old/New Business

Mike N9UA announced the certificate winners of the 2015 NEWDXA DXCC Challenge

1st place high power – Dwight NS9I

1st place low power – Chuck K9IA

2nd place low power – Mike N9UA

Members are encouraged to send in their logs for 2016.

A reminder to all that the WPX-CW contest is coming up at the end of May

Mark W9OP shared QSLing tips, and displayed nesting envelopes and QSL binders purchased from Wm. J Plum and explained the process for purchasing

foreign stamps as well as discounted U.S. postage. Be aware that the value of foreign stamps sometimes changes due to fluctuations in currency, and that when QSL managers ask for a specific amount of green stamps, they may not be satisfied with an SASE & token contribution.

Cynthia W9CYN suggested that a Cana Island/lighthouse activation could be used as a club fundraiser.

Contest University and DX University sessions will be available at this year's W9DXCC convention, according to Jack Hudson W9MU. Contact Jack via email if you have any ideas for programs.

Gerry WA9GON is looking for someone in the group to take over the club webpage duties. Contact him or Tom if anyone you know is interested.

Membership Report

No new members have been recommended at this time but 2 applications were handed out. There was a discussion regarding information on the website. Meeting dates and minutes are current, but the member listing needs to be updated. Anne KC9YL reports that updating the member info is a work-in-progress and will be updated on the website once she has an accurate list.

The meeting was adjourned. K9USN Jerry won the 50/50 raffle. Jack Hudson W9MU gave an informative presentation on propagation.

Reminder: W9DXCC will be held on September 16-17 in Schaumburg, IL. Contest and DXUniversity sessions will be held on Friday.

See you at the next meeting!

September 10, 2016
November 12, 2016

Schloegel's in Menominee, MI
Golden Corral in Green Bay, WI

*Respectfully submitted,
Anne Dirkman KC9YL
May 9, 2016
Corrected September 10, 2016*