

Minutes of the EIDX meeting of July 5, 2017

1. President Joe Hungate, K8OM called the July 5, 2017 meeting of the Eastern Iowa DX Association to order at 7:30 PM.
2. Thirty one attendees introduced themselves to start the meeting.
3. Minutes for the April 2017 meeting are available on the EIDX website. It was moved and seconded to approve the previous meeting's minutes. Motion passed.
4. Rich, W3ACO reported on the status of the club's treasury. He explained what funds remain available for the coming fiscal year.
5. Membership:
 - o Jim, KØKB was not present so his application for membership was not acted upon.
6. DXpedition funding:
 - o 9U4M, Burundi has requested funding and is scheduled for November 6-17, 2017.
 - o KH1, Baker Island is too early in planning.
 - o 3YØZ, Bouvet has a budget of \$740,500. Currently they are \$200,471 short. It should be noted that the team members are each committing significant personal funds.
 - o It was moved and seconded that we donate \$100 to Burundi and \$1,000 to Bouvet, two thirds coming from the Tom Hise Fund. Motion passed.
7. No cluster report.
8. Webmaster KØCF had nothing new to report.
9. Bob, WØGXA was congratulated on the latest issue of the newsletter. 70 pages no less! He commented that the quality of the newsletter depends on members' contributions.
10. Repeater Committee:
 - o An extensive report was given by NRØX on the repeater, which is now up and running.
 - o Due to his helpfulness, EIDX has been offered a full-time connection to the Internet at no cost. This creates the possibility of making the repeater an EchoLink node.
 - o It was moved and seconded that NRØX, with the assistance of WB8ZRL, be authorized to make the repeater an EchoLink node and that they be reimbursed for any expense. Motion passed.

11. There was no old business.
12. Terry, W0AWL noted that Arlo Meyer, W0LBK will be 91 in two days, and that he has been licensed for 67 years. In honor of that, Terry moved that Arlo be elected an Honorary Life Member of EIDXa and be exempted from payment of any further dues.

It was also noted that George, W0PPF is now in his 68th year as an amateur radio operator.

13. NR0X offered to host the annual EIDXa picnic at his site near Martel. It was moved and seconded that the date be September 9 with September 30 as a rain date.

Any members planning on flying in should coordinate with NR0X.

14. A quick survey of the club members present indicated that the meeting location at the Hall-Perrine Cancer Center is our preferred meeting location moving forward.
15. The door prize of a year's subscription to NCJ was won by Ron Andreatta, N0IQN. This was Ron's first visit to EIDXa. He left with an application and we hope to see him back with it completed.
16. The meeting was adjourned, followed by an outstanding dual program: Vicky Luetzelschwab, AE9YL presented "Operating from DX Locations from a YL's Perspective"; Followed by Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA on "Propagation Status and Forecast".

Respectfully submitted
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EIDXa Secretary
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