

## EIDXA Meeting Minutes

Minutes of EIDXA Club Meeting, October 13, 2023 at the Hall Perrine Cancer Center at Mercy Medical Center.

### CALL TO ORDER AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by President Gayle KØFLY
- Per the sign-in sheet / introductions, there were 18 members / guests present at Hall Perrine and 6 on the Zoom video link for a total of 24.

### At Hall Perrine:

- Terry Cellman WØAWL
- Tom Lindgre WØWP
- Barry Buelow WØIY
- Gary Toomsen KØGT
- Mike Nowack NA9Q
- Val Lawson WØEFW
- Bob Schafer KA4PKB/Ø
- Scott Augsburg WRØU
- Larry Newby WBØB
- Neale LeMense WØHBK
- Todd LeMense KKØDX
- Rich Haendel W3ACO
- Rod Blocksom KØDAS
- Al Groff KØVM
- Jim Spencer WØSR
- David Christ KØLUM
- Gayle Lawson KØFLY
- George Cooley NG7A

### via Zoom:

- George Carsner WØPPF
- Glen Kesselring KØJGH
- Jeff WØODS
- Frank Baker WØQC
- Fred Benson KØAT
- David Jaksa WØVX

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Mike NA9Q handed out a spreadsheet of the club finances. He noted that to date proceeds from the WB8ZRL estate have provided the club with over \$6,000 and thanked Terry WØAWL as well as all those that have helped with taking down, organizing and selling the equipment. Rich W3ACO moved to accept the report, Tom WØWP seconded the motion and it was accepted by a unanimous vote.
- Contact Mike – NA9Q with any club treasury questions.
- We are financially solvent!

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

- Jim WØSR reported no new applications.
- Jim noted that there was some interest to join the club. He will follow-up by contacting those individuals.
- No updates on revised application rules.

#### DXpedition FUNDING:

- No updates.

#### WEB SITE REPORT:

- No updates.

#### REPEATER COMMITTEE:

- Terry WØAWL reported that the wind has twisted the antenna off of vertical. The city of Marion wants the club to fix this ASAP to avoid damage to the water tower with a loose antenna twisting in the wind. Two large bolts need to be loosened, straightened and tightened without damaging the restraining pipe of the water tower. Terry talked to and texted Jason NRØX several times asking if he could climb the tower. He offered Jason \$200 to make the repairs.
- There was much discussion on this topic and one of our members noted that if the clamp is put together wrong, the antenna will continue to lean over in high wind. WØSR has a list of at least 10 climbers. Elevated Technologies and Murphy Towers were among the many that were mentioned.
- KØVM motioned to identify an alternate climber if Jason cannot get to it, NG7A seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.
- Breaking News: as discussions continued, Terry WØAWL managed to get through to Jason, who confirmed that he could straighten the leaning antenna on Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- There was a discussion about insuring the antenna and repeater. Rod KØDAS will check with the ARRL on antenna insurance.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### DONATIONS to Mercy:

- Rich W3ACO motioned that donations continue at the same level as before, Terry WØAWL seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### ELECTIONS

- On behalf of the nominating committee, Rich W3ACO presented the following slate of candidates:
  - Treasurer Mike Nowack NA9Q
  - Secretary George Cooley NG7A
  - President Glen Kesselring KØJGH
  - Vice President Gayle Lawson KØFLY
- David Christ KØLUM motioned that the candidates be elected for next year's term, Jim Spencer WØSR seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

## YL FUNDING

- Rich W3ACO, who set up a 'HAENDEL YL Operators Fund', reported that Page Harper KØPZH will travel to PJ2T next Sunday for the upcoming SSB contest. Page is a new operator and won a recent Rookie Round-up.
- The EIDXА donated \$500 to the 'HAENDEL YL Operators Fund' at the last meeting.
- Page will join the EIDXА and will present a program on the contest from PJ2T to the club.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- Rich W3ACO and Gayle KØFLY agreed to serve on the program committee.
- Gayle reported the plan for upcoming presentations as follows:
  - Joe Spinks AAØKW comparing a Flex Radio vs Yaesu FTdx-10
  - Bill Caldwell NØLNO 6M Dxing with Meteor Scatter
  - Page Harper KØPZH on Contesting from PJ2T
  - KØIS on 6M and Satellites

## 5 MINUTE BREAK

## INSURANCE:

- Glen Kesselring KØJGH looked up the insurance rates and reported that \$1M in liability costs \$200 per year. Insuring equipment costs \$14 per year for every \$1,000 worth of equipment.
- Al Groff KØVM motioned that the club purchase \$3,000 of insurance to cover the repeater and antenna plus \$1M of liability insurance. Rich Haendel W3ACO seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

## PROGRAM:

- "Contesting for a Non-Contester" by David Jaksа WØVX.

## ADJOURNMENT

- Larry WBØB motioned to adjourn the meeting with Al KØVM seconding. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.