

EIDXA Meeting Minutes

Minutes of EIDXA Club Meeting, January 12, 2024 via Zoom (due to blizzard conditions).

CALL TO ORDER AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by President Glen Kesselring KØJGH
- A total of 26 attendees were on Zoom as verified by reading back the list for any omissions.

Attendees on Zoom:

- Glen Kesselring KØJGH
- Todd LeMense KKØDX
- Rick Hadley WØFG
- Glenn Johnson WØGJ
- Bill Caldwell NØLNO
- Tom Vinson NYØV
- David Christ KØLUM
- John Ely WØGN
- Mike Nowack NA9Q
- Jim Spencer WØSR
- Jim Meade NOØB
- George Carsner WØPPF
- Gary Toomsen KØGT
- Andy Moran AAØAM
- Steve Sawyers NAØIA
- Terry Cellman WØAWL
- Scott Augsburg WRØU/4 TN
- Robert Schafer KA4PKB/mobile
- Jerry Rappel WWØE
- Frank Baker WØQC
- Larry Newby WBØB
- Bob Lee WØGXA
- Rod Blocksom KØDAS
- Guy West NØMMA
- Gayle Lawson KØFLY
- George Cooley NG7A

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPEATER COMMITTEE:

- No updates

WEB SITE REPORT:

- No updates.

DXpedition FUNDING:

- Terry WØAWL reported that EIDXA is holding off on funding Bouvet Island. Glenn WØGJ said that there are 4 groups, but none of them have secured transportation. The Norwegian group claims that it has, but the boat is still dry docked and it is unknown

when it will be finished. One of the guys Glenn spoke to doesn't have faith that type of a boat. There is still plenty of time to decide which group to fund.

- KØJGH reminded everyone that Clipperton is 5 days away.

CONTESTING COMMITTEE:

- George NG7A recapped some upcoming contests: 1) North American QSO Party, CW Jan 13 800Z to Jan 14 0600Z 2) CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW Jan 26 2200Z to Jan 28 2159Z, 3) ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW Feb 17 0000Z to Feb 18 2400Z and 4) ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB Mar 2 0000Z to Mar 3 2400Z. He pointed out that Craig KØCF added a list of upcoming contests at the end of the DX Bulletin on the EIDXA website. Just click on the DX Bulletin button and scroll to the end.
<http://www.eidxa.org/EIDXBulletin.html>

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- Gayle KØFLY reported the plan for upcoming presentations as follows:
 - Joe Spinks AAØKW comparing a Flex Radio vs Yaesu Ftdx-10 (next)
 - Paige Harper KØPZH on Contesting from PJ2T (summer)
 - KØIS on 6M and Satellites
- The club is pretty much set for programs through the end of the year
- Discussion followed and members reported that Paige KØPZH did a good job on PJ2T. The importance of grooming the next generation of DX/Contester types will help continue to build our club. Rich W3ACO is looking for more YL candidates to sponsor.

INSURANCE:

- Glen KØJGH reported that he did set up the club's insurance policy in a way that the membership voted for: \$1M of liability at \$200/year plus equipment at \$14/year for every \$1000. He worked with Al to try to get a valuation of the repeater and came up with \$3000 to cover the repeater and the antenna. The policy is issued and in force. Glenn used the Ottumua's existing account, but listed the EIDXA policy separately. Glenn has the passwords to get into the account and has got them in the EIDXA's club records.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Dave KØLUM screen shared a spreadsheet of the club finances that Mike NA9Q prepared. Mike NA9Q reported the finances for the last quarter of 2023, covering the months of October, November and December, which is actually the first fiscal quarter of the club year. Mike noted that without the proceeds from the WB8ZRL estate, there would have been a negative cash flow (approximately minus \$1,100) in the general fund.
- A discussion followed on what generated the negative cash flow. They were from the new expenses: \$242 for the insurance, \$500 to send a YL to PJ2T and \$200 to fix the repeater.
- There was a question on bank charges and interest. Mike said that none of the accounts are interest bearing. A discussion followed on CDs with higher interest rates and savings accounts with interest. One member pointed out that EIDXA is not incorporated and if the account gets interest, it gets reported to the IRS. The question arose at what point does it become an issue if the club does not have an EIN. Previous club policy was not to incorporate to avoid a number of issues and complications surrounding financials.
- Contact Mike – NA9Q with any club treasury questions.
- We are financially solvent!

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- Glen KØJGH asked to read the minutes from the last meeting. George NG7A noted that they were published on the club's website and read the October 13, 2023 minutes.
- Glen asked for any questions or corrections. Hearing none, the minutes stand approved as read.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Gayle KØFLY asked Mike NA9Q if there are other signatories on the checking account. Mike believes that Rich W3ACO is the second signatory and will go back and verify that before the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- Jim WØSR motioned to adjourn the meeting with Gayle KØFLY seconding. The motion carried and the business portion of the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

10 MINUTE BREAK

PROGRAM:

- Bill Caldwell NØLNO presented "6M Dxing with Meteor Scatter."