

Minutes of the EIDX meeting Jan 17, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by our President Craig, KØCF.

34 hams answered the CQ call.

Rich, W3ACO read minutes of the Nov 1, 2013 meeting and provided a treasurer's report. Both reports were approved by the club.

Jason, NRØX discussed W1AW/Ø operation for the Iowa contingent beginning March 26. Period of operation will be for one week, 168 hours. Operators can sign up with Jason. Modes will be either CW or SSB. Operations can be from the NRØX station or your own station. Jason encourages others to notify their local clubs that they can participate as well. Contact Jason at jason@kd0mnd.com for more information.

Jason also reported on the status of whether we should change our web service provider. After review, he determined that after the introductory discounts, the yearly costs would be about the same. He suggested that we keep Iowa Solutions as the web service provider.

Jim, WØSR talked about the progress of the Tom Hise DX fund and how it should work. There was an earlier suggestion that the club turn over the DX funds to a nonprofit foundation. Jim brought up several issues. Jim found out that the foundation would distribute only the income and retain the principal. That means the fund would have only 200-300 dollars available each year at best to distribute. The foundation would distribute funds only to 501(c)3 charities. DX expeditions would be required to qualify as charities under Internal Revenue Service laws. There was no mechanism for distributing funds to international operations without spending thousands of dollars in fees.

The conclusion is that we will continue our effort by managing the funds within EIDX.

The Tom Hise funds are held in the clubs checking account. Rich, W3ACO, showed the modified financial spreadsheet to track separately the balance in the Tom Hise fund.

Craig, KØCF, presented proposed logos for the Tom Hise DX fund. One logo was selected with recommendations to remove the word "memorial". The revised logo will be presented our next meeting for club approval. Tom, WB8ZRL provided an update of the by-law changes needed to accommodate management of the Tom Hise fund. Status: work in progress.

Jerry, WWØE, our Vice President requested that any and all members who have early pictures of themselves in their ham shacks to forward these pictures to him for inclusion in our next newsletter.

There was a discussion of upcoming DXpedition to Tromelin. Tromelin is #10 on the DX most wanted list. Craig, KØCF put up our DX evaluation spreadsheet comparing Tromelin to HKØNA. Tromelin scored 115 points. Terry, WØAWL, made a motion to donate \$300 to this effort. The motion was approved by voice vote. Rich, W3ACO will make the transfer via his PayPal account.

On Jan 18, W3ACO sent a contribution of 220 ? (\$305.78) to Tromelin. Note that PayPal now charges a 2.5% fee for donations requiring currency conversion.

Craig, KØCF asked for suggestions regarding future programs. He noted that K9CT may be available for presentation of one of the DXpeditions he recently was on, Midway, but he is now an op in the FT5ZM expedition. Craig will send e-mails as needed to find out K9CT's status.

Rick NØYY provided a program about the PJ2 station. Rick gave strategies for planning, setting goals and increasing operator skills using several software programs. He provided comparison of PJ2T to two other contest stations and described ongoing improvements to the station. Thank you, Rick, for a very interesting program.

Rich W3ACO