

## **EIDXА Minutes January 31, 2020.**

1. Jim, WØSR welcomed the 29 attendees.
2. Secretaries report (David, KØLUM).  
Dave gave a brief recap of the October meeting.
3. Treasurer's report (NA9Q).  
A donation was made to Mercy in thanks for providing use of their meeting room. The treasury showed a slight increase over a year ago.
4. Committee Reports.
  - a. Contest committee (Jeff, WØODS, George, NG7A).  
Need one more member. It was suggested to ask Bob Lee, WØGXA.
  - b. DX funding (Terry, WØAWL, Glenn, WØGJ, Mike, NA9Q).  
No major expeditions in the near future. There was discussion whether the funding criteria should be eased. The committee will talk it over and make recommendation.
  - c. Membership Committee (Tom, WB8ZRL).  
One applicant to vote on. After the vote Mike, WØHAF was welcomed as an associate member.
  - d. DX cluster (Tom, WB8ZRL).  
The cluster is running fine. Some people have experienced disconnects but it does not seem to be the cluster.
  - e. Webmaster (Craig, KØCF not in attendance).  
Sends report that he has put up an archive of meeting minutes going back to January 2012. If there are any older send them to him.
  - f. Repeater committee (Steve, NØUP, Jason, NRØX, neither present).  
Repeater is functioning normally.
  - g. Nomination committee (Rich, W3ACO, Joe, K8OM).  
We need one more member. Any volunteers?
  - h. Program committee (vacant).  
We need 3 members to help find 4 programs a year. Looking for volunteers. (The program is a chief reason for coming to the meeting, so please consider helping out! - Ed.).
5. ARRL Directors report (Rod, KØDAS not present).
6. Old Business.
  - a. Hat sales (Sam, KØAFN). 3 available 1 dark and 2 white.
  - b. Bob Locher's proposal discussed. Which led to a question about where EIDXА is heading and what is its role in amateur radio.

7. Suggested that we sign up for a room at Mercy for a year at a time.
  - a. Does that make problems with matching speaker availability?
8. St Louis Hamfest (Jim, NOØB). Items discussed there: Changes at ARRL headquarters, changes in ARRL publications – New beginner magazine, some smaller ones going digital.
9. Iowa Parks on-the-air.  
<http://www.arrl.org/news/iowa-state-parks-on-the-air-2020-celebrating-centennial-of-iowa-state-parks>.
10. Auctions and raffles.
  - a. A Pitcairn first day cover from 1938 and tie were donated for auction by Glenn, WØGJ. Proceeds went to EIDXА treasury. Both were purchased by WØEFW.
  - b. CDs of Ham Radio Magazine won by Jeff, WØODS.
  - c. Daiwa watt meter won by Gayle, KØFLY.
  - d. PK-232MBX won by Mike, WØHAF.
11. Following the meeting an excellent program was given by Glenn, WØGJ.

David, KØLUM  
EIDXА Secretary.