

Minutes of EIDX Club Meeting, July 22, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Gayle - KØFLY
- Per the sign-in sheet, there were 25 members / guests present
- Introductions of the 4 new EIDX members (KB4SPY, AEØDX, WØIY, K9ZK) only K9ZK was able to attend this evenings meeting. Welcome all new members!
- It was announced that Joe - WØIW has resigned his VP position. That position will stay open until the upcoming election which will be held at the next club meeting in October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Payments of dues by our club members have been good. April saw \$120, May \$60 and June \$160.
- Unfortunately, we have about 11 club members that are 4+ years arrears and will have their memberships cancelled and be purged from the club roster.
- Please contact our club Treasurer Mike - NA9Q if you are not sure of your dues status.
- Currently, Terry - WØAWL has collected \$2,327 for EIDX from the sale of items from Tom- WB8ZRL estate.
- Al - KØVM suggested that club income from the items sold from the WB8ZRL estate be earmarked in the club treasury to better track those proceeds.
- Contact Mike - NA9Q with any club treasury questions.
- We are financially solvent!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

- No new applications

DXpedition Funding Report:

- No upcoming DXpeditions have requested financial support, per Terry - WØAWL

DX CLUSTER REPORT:

- It appears Tom's - WB8ZRL computer that hosted his DX Cluster software is gone.
- After some discussion it was felt there is no benefit in pursuing this any further and let the WB8ZRL DX Cluster go into permanent retirement.

CONTEST COMMITTEE:

- George - NG7A was out of town and therefore wasn't able to attend the club meeting but suggested a 175 mile radius from the center of Cedar Rapids be used to designate the club coverage area.
- Motion was made by Gary - KØGT and seconded by Rich - W3ACO

WEB SITE REPORT:

- Craig - KØCF announced recently that he needed to take a breather

from publishing the weekly club DX Bulletin

- EIDXA is indebted to Craig - KØCF for his hard work and devotion to creating this excellent tool for use of our club members free of charge
- Jim - NØOB will contact Craig and relay the club's appreciation and see if the club can help him in any way possible.

REPEATER COMMITTEE:

- Repeater Committee (Steve - NUØP and Jason NRØX) not present
- It was reported that the repeater is working but "is noisy"

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:

- Gayle - KØFLY reported approximately 6 possible "Zoom" meetings have been identified for possible EIDXA club meeting programs in the future

OLD BUSINESS:

EIDXA CAP SALES:

- Sam - KØAFN (not present) appears to still be taking orders for EIDXA| ball caps. If interested, please contact Sam - KØAFN directly.
- A portion of the proceeds goes to the club general funds.

TOM - WB8ZRL EQUIPMENT SALES (UPDATE) :

- Still some equipment and parts available for purchase
- Terry - WØAWL will be manning a table at the upcoming CVARC hamfest and can use your help, especially when he needs to take a break
- All proceeds from the sale of this equipment (approximately \$2,300 to date) will be kept in the general fund and not incorporated into the Tom Hise Fund.
- A motion was made by Rich - W3ACO and seconded by Terry - WØAWL for the handling of these proceeds. There was one "no" vote. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUMMER PICNIC:

- There was no interest in having a late summer EIDXA picnic this year

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

- W3ACO will once again lead this activity. He will asking for assistance so please support W3ACO in this very important task. WWØE will assist.

DX MARATHON:

- Gayle - KØFLY received an email and we are being asked to either lead or assist in administration of the DX activity.
- There was some discussion on this matter but the club members did not show any interest in jumping into this.

VADXCC INACTIVE COUNTRIES PETITION:

- At a previous EIDX club meeting a vote was taken and it was decided EIDX will not comment as an entity but club individuals can, and are encouraged, to comment on their own behalf.
- No further discussion was held during this meeting.

AFTER 5 MINUTE BREAK:**ROMEO:**

- It was discussed and confirmed ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will be expanded to include YL and XYL club members.
- The EIDX mailing list will be used by Terry - WØAWL as the invitation list for all future ROMEO lunches.

TOWER CLIMBER(S) NEEDED:

- Jim - NØOB pointed out that several club members are in dire need of qualified ham radio tower climbers to perform antenna maintenance and simple antenna installations (no major antenna and tower farm construction).
- Most EIDX members can no longer safely climb towers and our antennas are paying the price.
- Please contact Gayle - KØFLY or any club member if you, or if you know of someone, that can help!!

PROGRAM:

- Glenn - WØGJ gave an excellent, informative and entertaining program on "50 Years of NCDXF"
- Glenn - WØGJ also had a display of rocks and other artifacts from many DX entities supported by NCDXF. Even a rock from P5... maybe someday NCDXF can support a real DXpedition to North Korea!!
- Thank you WØGJ for another excellent Program!

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.