



## **TCDXA MEETING MINUTES**

### **Monday, December 19, 2011**

#### **Sunshine Factory Restaurant**

#### **New Hope, MN**

**CALL TO ORDER:** and introduction of members at 6:55pm by President Pat Cain, KØPC

**ATTENDANCE:** 43 members.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Pat welcomed all the members to our annual Holiday Meeting!
- Pat reminded everyone that 2012 donations are due and to please send them to Gary Strong KOØQ, 9405 Harpers Ct NE, Blaine, MN 55449 or use our tcdxa.org website using the PayPal logo on the home page.
- Pat introduced the new officers of the club: Pat KØPC President, Tom WØZR Vice President, Scott KØMD Director, Ron NØAT Director and DX Donations Mgr, and Gary KOØQ Sec/Treasurer. He also thanked outgoing officer Gary WØAW for his great service to the club!
- We welcomed new members Ron N9OY, La Crosse, WI and Eric Brindley WØXG, Wayzata, MN to the club.
- Malpello HKØ DXpedition begins in January 2012 with members Ralph Fedor KØIR and Glen Johnson WØGJ on the team.
- Jim, KØJUH shared the results of the VP2MWG challenge. KØIEA, KØIR, KØJUH, KØKX, KØRC, KØMPH, NØIJ, WAØMHJ, WØAIH, WØRX, and KØQC are the winners.
- Another great Gray Line Report was just published. Pat thanked the members that take a considerable amount of time to put this together. You can find it on our tcdxa.org website under the Newsletter button.

**HEALTH & WELFARE:**

- No update.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

- Income: \$7323 Expenses: \$4179 Balance: \$3144

- Gary KOØQ shared that the website will be updated approximately every 2 weeks showing those that have submitted their donations / dues for the year. The first update will be this upcoming weekend by Tom K3WT, our web administrator.

**DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:** \$20 each to 4 winners.

**PROGRAM:**

- Al Dewey, KØAD gave a report on the activities of the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) -specifically the recommendations they are working on related to increasing participation in the ARRL DX Contest. At this point, it is not anticipated that the CAC will recommend any type of distance based scoring for this event. Instead, they are looking at how W/VE scores can be more effectively reported by the region. Also, it is not anticipated that the CAC will recommend a reduction in the 48 hour time limit for Single Op stations. Instead, consideration will be give to adding a 24 hour category. A number of other small changes were mentioned which are yet to be discussed. Several issues were brought up by members including why using spotting assistance puts single operators into the Multi-Operator class in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. Al asked that any TCDXA member who has suggestions for changes to any ARRL contest send them to Al Dewey at [K0AD@arrl.net](mailto:K0AD@arrl.net).
- Greg KØGW gave an update on BPL, digital QSOs, and the 100th year anniversary of the ARRL.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 7:50pm

**Gary Strong, KOØQ**  
**Secretary-Treasurer**