



TCDXA MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 16, 2012

Sunshine Factory Restaurant

New Hope, MN

CALL TO ORDER: and introduction of members at 6:20pm by President Pat Cain, KØPC

ATTENDANCE: 34 members.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pat welcomed all the members to the January meeting. We went around the room, and introduced ourselves, which is a great way to meet members you don't know.
- Pat received a video from the STØR (TCDXA sponsored) group which will be shown at a future meeting.
- A motion was made and approved for a \$75 expense that covers the cost of the TCDXA sponsoring a plaque in the MWA QSO party coming up Saturday, February 4, 2012.
- Malpelo Island, HKØNA is on the air, and members Ralph Fedor, KØIR, and Glenn Johnson, WØGJ, will join the team on January 21.
- Ralph, KØIR, sent the club HKØNA embroidered patches, which will be used for door prizes.
- Jim, KØJUH, talked about a new Q&A document that was developed to answer member questions about the Ladder, and hopefully will put an end to any confusion that may exist. A copy will be sent to all members via the reflector, and a copy posted to the website.
- Ron, NØAT, is selling IRC's for \$1.50 each. He can be contacted at TCDXA@n0at.net

HEALTH & WELFARE:

- Gary Strong, KOØQ, is hospitalized and currently not taking calls. Gary will call as soon as he's up to it. His condition will eventually require a liver transplant.
- Rod Rosse, WØBCA made a surprise visit to the meeting. It was great to see Rod, who is rehabbing from a stroke he suffered earlier.

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Due to our Secretary-Treasurer's hospitalization, a detailed report was not available.
- Jim, KØJUH is still a co-signer, and viewed the account on line. The current balance is \$3200 with 50 member 2012 dues still outstanding. These dues along with some miscellaneous donations, should increase our operating income to the \$5000 level. (SWAG ☺)

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:

- WØZR- \$20, KØSQ- \$20, WBØN- \$20, WØXG- HKØNA patch, Club Treasury, \$78

PROGRAM:

- Steve, KØSF gave a presentation on the pros and cons of designing a QSK circuit for your amplifier. He covered the details on home brewing QSK relays by providing information on components, circuit design, and cost, with some excellent slides. BTW, Steve just happens to be a EE working on his PHD. ☺ We hope to make some of his presentation available on the TCDXA website. Meanwhile, you can reach him at k0sf@arrl.net if you have questions. Good job Steve!

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:20pm

Gary Strong, KOØQ
Secretary-Treasurer

This report by KØJUH, pinch hitting for Gary.