



TCDXA MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 19, 2011

Sunshine Factory Restaurant

New Hope, MN

CALL TO ORDER: and introduction of members at 6:15pm by President Pat Cain, KØPC

ATTENDANCE: 25 members.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business was discussed

NEW BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pat congratulated Mark WA0MHJ on his earning 160m DXCC.
- Glen WØGJ, Ralph, KØIR, Pat, WØBM, and Vivian KL7YL are headed to Bhutan the end of October.
- The MNQP plaque was awarded to Pat, KØPC. This plaque was donated earlier this year by TCDXA and our president ended up winning it!
- Tom, K3WT is our new webmaster taking over from Jim, KØJUH. The members thanked Jim for the tremendous job he has done on our website!
- 3D2R Rotuma was approved for sponsorship by the members. 4W6A East Timor started September 19. DXØDX is permanently cancelled. OJØX Market Reef starts September 19 for 3 weeks.
- STØR South Sudan ended with a considerable number of HOG awards presented by Jim, KØJUH. The stats are on the website.
- There may be a new Zero Bureau QSL sorter. Several members have received hundreds of cards over the past few weeks.

HEALTH & WELFARE:

- Rod WØBCA has had a stroke and is in recovery. His wife will notify the club when he is up to visitors.
- Ray KDØDK is recovering from heart surgery.

TREASURERS REPORT: Income: \$5904.89 Expenses: \$2296.71 Balance: \$3608.18

- Gary KOØQ reported the financial report included in the September newsletter is incorrect

and the balance was off by \$25. He went over the details of the error with the members and will include with the minutes the corrected financials. He apologizes to the club that the error was not corrected prior to submitting the financials to the newsletter team.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS: Three \$20 awards were given. Club Treasury: \$62

PROGRAM: Mike KØBUD presented "So You Want To Move A Rig". Mike did an excellent job of sharing his experience personally and helping many other members buy and sell rigs over the years. His advice for selling is clean it up, have Gary Grivna KØGX give it a full alignment / repair if a high end rig, double box the original in a new box packed by the shipper, and write a factual ad and don't be afraid to brag in your listing (First class condition, fresh out of the box, super clean, etc.). His advice for buying is similar and expect to pay close to market for good, clean rigs. He feels qth.com is the best website for buying and selling, followed by qrz.com and eham.net. One key fact he shared is newer rigs that are beyond 10 years old will be difficult to repair due to parts availability. (A plug for Ten Tec - they still have parts for most every radio they've made over the last 30 years - Gary)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:42pm

Gary Strong, KOØQ
Secretary-Treasurer