

# Minutes of the May 2024 GMDXA Meeting

May 30, 2024

The May meeting of GMDXA, hosted by Pete LaBissoniere, KW9E, was called to order by President Gary Drasch, K9DJT, at 1915. The Secretary Ron Gorski N9AU was absent. 16 members and no guests were in attendance. **Meeting minutes were taken by Andy Catanzaro W9NJY.** The April meeting minutes were read and approved. The current treasurer's report was read.

## DX Reports:

MY CALL		Month	YEAR		
WB9TFH		MAY	2024		
Call	Date	Time	Band	Mode	Notes
A52P			15m	FT8	ATNO
FT4GL			20m	FT8	ATNO
XW4KV			15m	FT8	ATNO
3D2CCC			10, 17m	FT8	NBC
3G0YA			17m	SSB	NBC
8S2A			17m	FT8	NBC
A52CI			12m	FT8	NBC
E6SP			20m	FT8	NBC
JD1BMH			10, 12m	CW	NBC
UN7ID			12m	FT8	NBC
3D2CCC			15m	FT8	NewMode
3G0YA			10, 12m	SSB	NewMode
3G0YA			15m	CW	NewMode
4Z5LA			15m	SSB	NewMode
7Z1VD			17m	SSB	NewMode
9K2YM			17m	FT8	NewMode
TT8RR			15m	CW	NewMode
TT8XX			10, 12m	FT8	NewMode
TX7W			15m	SSB	NewMode

<b>MY CALL</b>		<b>Month</b>	<b>YEAR</b>		
<b>W9RN</b>		MAY	2024		
<b>Call</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Band</b>	<b>Mode</b>	<b>Notes</b>
T32JV			160		NBC
FT4GL			10, 12, 17, 40m	FT8	New Mode:NBC

<b>MY CALL</b>		<b>Month</b>	<b>YEAR</b>		
<b>W9XT</b>		MAY	2024		
<b>Call</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Band</b>	<b>Mode</b>	<b>Notes</b>
8Q7PR	24-Apr		10m	FT8	NBC
ZP9HTL	8-May		6m	FT8	NBC
T32JV	9-May		160m	CW	NBC
FT4GL	25-May		12, 15m	FT8	NBC; NewMode

<b>MY CALL</b>		<b>Month</b>	<b>YEAR</b>		
<b>WB9TFF</b>		MAY	2024		
<b>Call</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Band</b>	<b>Mode</b>	<b>Notes</b>
3D2CCC			15m	FT8	ATNO
8Q7KB			17m	FT8	ATNO
EK/RX3D			20m	FT8	ATNO
FT4GL			20m	FT8	ATNO
3D2CCC			10, 17m	FT8	NBC
3G0YA			12, 17, 20m	FT8/SSB	NBC; NewMode
4L4DX			15m	FT8	NBC
EK/RX3D			15m	FT8	NBC
FK8HM			10m	FT8	NBC
FT4GL			12m	FT8	NBC
OH0Z			15m	CW	NBC

**Contest reports:** None

## **Committee Reports**

**DX Committee:** Jerry N9AW asked again about using the excess money in our treasury for DX funding. Lyle WE9R made a motion to form an annual budget and sticking to it. At the end of each year plan the next year's budget on the past year's experience. Andy W9NJY seconded it. Scott KC9WPS indicated a similar rule was made three years ago and another now is superfluous. The motion was tabled and a review of the existing policy is in order.

**QSL Card Checking:** There was no report.

**GMDXA Webpage:** Gary, W9XT, reported that he made no changes to our webpage since the last meeting.

**DX Cluster:** Gary K9DJT reported there were no issues with the W9ODD node.

**Old Business:** None.

## **New Business:**

- Gary, K9DJT, reported that Bill, W9LR, will not be attending meetings for the time being and will be unable to host the September meeting as scheduled. A revision will need to be made to the existing hosting schedule.
- Gil WB9TFH explained some details about the problems the ARRL is having with their computer system, including LoTW, and why it may take even more time to get everything up and running again. It appears the LoTW data is safe, but the Federal Government is likely involved in this situation because of the ARRL's affiliation with Homeland Security. If this was a hack it could be seen as a federal crime.

- Elections for officers will be held next month. Lyle WE9R is willing to be the president and Gary K9DJT will take the VP position. The Secretary-Treasurer position will have to be filled.
- Scott KC9WPS discussed the average age of our membership. Rudy NF9V is our youngest member and he is in his 50s. A variety of ways to attract new members was discussed. Dave KJ9I stated that we needed to attract those who are passionate about DX. Gary N9UUR agreed and suggested we shouldn't go after younger hams simply because of their age.
- Jerry N9AW stated that he felt our dues are inappropriately low and made a motion to increase them to \$40 per year. Andy W9NJY seconded the motion. Gary N9UUR amended the motion to increase dues to \$50 per year. 15 members voted for this increase and two voted no. The major import of this increase was to provide more money for DXpedition funding. We determined that we had a quorum in attendance to change this bylaw and Gary W9XT will amend our bylaws document.
- Jerry N9AW moved that we change the January meeting to Zoom or leave it out altogether because of weather concerns. Add a meeting in July or August to make up and the summer meeting could be a BBQ. Gary W9XT recommended the meeting be held in August to facilitate planning for our club participation in September's W9DXCC gathering. Andy W9NJY countered that an in-person meeting in January is important because DXing occurs the most in the winter. The group seemed to feel the January meeting could be retained via Zoom. Scott KC9WPS seconded the motion made by N9AW that we use Zoom for the January meeting and add a meeting in August. There were seven members who voted for the motion and five nays. It was resolved that the changes will start in January 2025 with the meeting being via Zoom.
- Rudy NF9V announced that he is the newest member of the PJ2T Caribbean Contesting Consortium.

**Next meeting** will be hosted by Gary N9UUR on **Tuesday June 25**. The change to Tuesday is to avoid having a meeting the day after Field Day.

**Raffle:** The 50/50 DX raffle was won by Don AQ and he donated the \$64 to the club treasury.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn by N9AW with a second by WB9TFH. The meeting closed at 20:05.

**Notes taken and written by Andy W9NJY for Secretary/Tres Ron N9AU.**

**Note: After the meeting it was determined we did not have a quorum, so the votes on meeting for due changes and meeting by Zoom in January are not valid. The Constitution/By Laws were not updated.**