

## **GMDXA Meeting Minutes, March 26, 2012**

The meeting was hosted by Rick, NK9G, and was called to order at 7:30 PM by president Rudy, NF9V. Minutes for the February meeting were read. Gary, K9GS moved to accept, seconded by John, W9VG. Treasurer's report was read and a motion was made to accept by Gary K9GS and seconded by John, W9VG. Both passed.

**Guest(s):** Gary, N9ZEW. Gary is a former member who is rejoining.

### **Committee reports:**

#### **Packet:**

Gary, K9GS, reports that the PacketCluster is working well. Some of the members said they experienced connection / re-connection problems on weekends and daily between 0600 – 0700 GMT.

#### **Card checking:**

Ron, N9AU, checked cards at the AES Superfest with crowd management by Rick, NK9G. Ron reported that changes are coming to LOTW and DXCC. There will be an interactive application form and no more hand written DXCC applications. As of 4/2/2012 there will no more hybrid applications of mixing written and LOTW together. Fees will be lower.

#### **DX Committee:**

- NH8S, Swain's Island is coming on in early September. A discussion about donating to this one was tabled until the April, 2012 meeting.
- 9M0L, Spratly Is., was discussed and is expected on from April 10<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

#### **GMDXA Web:**

Jerry, N9AW, provided an update on changes to the website to the member's list, meeting schedule, DXCC Accomplishments. New pages have been added as well as meeting minutes which will be on a rolling schedule so that club members can keep up with club business.

#### **DX Reports:**

##### ***The following activity was reported:***

NV9L – worked 3C6A, 6Y, A6, 3C0E, C6 and FM for NEW ONES. Valerie has confirmations for DXCC. Her current counts are 156 worked, 101 confirmed.

K9GS – worked 3C6A, A6, 9M6, ZD7XF, 3C0E, ZL7, 7P8, A4, 9Q and A9 mostly on 30 and 40 mtrs with some on the other bands

KJ9I – worked 3C0E on 160 mtrs

NK9G – worked 100+ QSOs in the WPX SSB contest. He didn't think there was much DX activity.

W9VG – reports that 8P6NW is looking for QSOs on 160 mtrs Friday evenings around 1913 khz at 9pm Central time.

W9RN – said he worked the W1FO Mexican / Jewish beach wedding, a rare find indeed, in FL

NF9V – worked J52HF, YB, FH/DL7BC, J28AA, T6MO, 3D2R and ZL7

### **Old Business:**

None.

### **New Business:**

- The ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau will be accepting cards at Dayton. NK9G, K9GS, NV9L and W9VG to take cards for members that want to send them. They need to be boxed and delivered at the April meeting. Your box of cards should contain whatever the QSL Bureau expects for a shipment of outgoing QSL.....QST label and expected funds to ARRL.
- Ron, N9AU, mentioned an article in March QST about VP8ORK. The cost of a QSL for this operation is \$5 per QSO based on DXpedition expenses. W3UR, Bernie, thinks this may spell the end of these very expensive DXpeditions in the future.
- Ken, W9GA, mentioned F2 Forward Scan from March QST in the World Above 50 mhz column. He indicated there is a formula in the article to calculate band openings.
- Jerry, N9AW, said K9GS requested a link on the website to the DX Code of Ethics. Their graphic is on the GMDXA website as a link to their site. They have requested our support to engage the ARRL to support the DX Code of Ethics.
- KJ9I, Dave, said that his 30/40 beam is down. Thanks to the club members that provided help on this project. The antenna has a high SWR on 40 mtrs. He will rebuild the antenna and call for assistance to get it back up.

### **Adjournment:**

Gary, W9XT made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by John, W9VG. Meeting ended at 8:30pm.

Submitted by Jerry, N9AW in Brian, K9ORN's absence.

