

Mississippi Valley DX/Contest Club (MVDX/CC)

Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2018

The January 2018 MVDX/CC meeting was called to order by Secretary, Eric-WØTT at 7:00 pm.

The following members and guests were present: ADØTR, AEØTT, KØARY, KØJPL, K2VV, KC9WNZ, KDØBXU, KDØPMW, NØBE, WØTT, and W9MO. Attendance was seen as limited due to inclement weather.

Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** no report – WAØBSW was not present.
- **Secretary's Report:** Club Secretary Eric- WØTT announced that there were no minutes for a December meeting since the club Christmas Dinner was held in lieu of the regular meeting. Photos for the Christmas Dinner are now posted on the club website.
<http://www.mvdxcc.org/>
- **Vice President's report:** NIØC was not present, but the club discussed presentations at future club meetings. ABØRX was scheduled to present in January, but was also not present, So the following schedule was announced:
 - February – ABØRX - NPOTA Operation from Isle Royale, Michigan (NP31).
 - March – WØTT - Ham Radio contacts on a recent visit to Okinawa and Vietnam.
 - April – KØJPL - presentation on MMTTY.
- **QSL Bureau Report:** John-K2VV that 1200 cards were received last month and are available for pick-up by the sorters tonight. Also there was a mix-up at the Florissant Post Office where our P.O. Box rental had been suspended. This has been resolved, and no cards were lost.

John also announced that any clients who request that their cards be held and shipped in flat-rate boxes, should inform their sorter, but should make payment to the P.O. Box. John will clarify this procedure on the Zero Buro website the next time it is updated.

There is a US Postal Rate Increase proposed for 21 January, which would increase the price of First Class "F" stamps from 49¢ to 50¢, and increase flat rate envelopes by 5¢. Other rates would be unaffected.

- **Health and Welfare:** It was announced that club member Joe, KØBX passed away on Pearl Harbor Day, 7 December, of complications from Pulmonary Fibrosis. Joe was well known and well liked in the St. Louis Ham Community and many club members and other area hams attended his services.

- **Birthday Report:** KØHHB was not present, so these December and January birthdays are entered in the minutes from club records: KØKL - Dec 2, KDØPMW - Dec 2, WØRJS - Dec 3, WØKZ - Dec 4, AF4JF - Dec 5, N5TN - Dec 5, K9SD - Dec 7, WB9PNU - Dec 8, AAØA - Dec 11, WBØSND - Dec 14, W9MO - Dec 17, KØCA - Dec 19, KBØVE - Dec 19, KEØFIL - Dec 29, NOØL - Jan 6, WX5CW - Jan 7, NVØR - Jan 25, KØARY - Jan 28. The club wishes all a Happy Birthday.
- **DXpedition Support:** Don - WØVM was not present, so WØTT paraphrased an E-mail received from him requesting support for VP6D, Ducie Island. Don responded that their proposed plans meet most of our funding criteria, and he questioned if they intend to upload their full log onto LoTW within 6 months. If we do decide to support them, it would be later in the year after our treasury has been replenished by membership renewals.

KØARY asked if anyone had information about the Doctors Without Borders funding request which is incorporated into the current 6O6O Somalia DXpedition. This information can be found at: <http://1a7gia.com/6o6o/dwobfundraiser.html>

- **DX Presentation:** John - K2VV gave a presentation on the 6O6O operation in Somalia, the RI5ØANO (also RI1ANO) operation in South Shetlands, the E7Ø9JAN operation in (Srpska) Bosnia, and 3YØZ plans for Bouvet. He included discussion of the historical aspects of the current republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and several semi-autonomous areas within the republic.

Old Business:

- WØTT showed results of the club competition in the ARRL November Sweepstakes, and 160 Meter Contests. (these results can be found on the League website at:)

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestResults/2017/2017-SS-Club-Competition-Eligibility-Peer-Review.xlsx>

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestResults/2017/2017-160m-Club-Competition-Peer-Review-File.xlsx>

(please search for Mississippi Valley DX/Contest Club in these large Excel files.)

Eric showed that these results reflect the ARRL membership eligibility exercise that we conducted last year, and how club scores are completed.

We had 9 entries in the November Sweepstakes (CW and Phone combined), and 2 in the 160 Meter contest.

- WØTT also showed the new KMØDX QSL card, and distributed sample cards to members.

- **New Business:**

It was announced that we will have two tables at Winterfest, and KØJPL will bring the club banner to display at our tables. WAØBSW will contact Winterfest to reserve and pay for the tables. Club members are welcome to bring equipment to sell at Winterfest.

John – K2VV is a member of the DX Advisory Committee, and he announced the DXAC committee is reconsidering DXCC rules and criteria. Members should contact John if they have inputs into this discussion.

NEXT MEETING: 8 February 2018

No formal presentation was given, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Zust - WØTT, Club Secretary