

**Minutes - MVDX/CC Membership ZOOM Meeting of September 10, 2020**  
**Submitted by Dave Propper, K2DP – Secretary, MVDX/CC**

☒ **Attendees:** AA0Z, AE0TT, AA0FT, K2DP, K2VV, K4EQ, K0ARY, K0PWS, KD0PMW, KB0TQD, KK9N, N5TN, N0AX, N0WGC, NI0C, NI0G, NO0L, W0NFS, W0TT, W0VM, W0ZH, WA0BSW.

☒ **Business Portion of the MVDX/CC Meeting**

- **Meeting start time** – Udo, NI0G, President, called the meeting to order at 7PM. The meeting is divided into two portions, beginning with a business meeting, then followed by the “program” for the evening.
  - The program for this evening’s meeting is a “Ham Shack Virtual Tour” presented by two of our MVDX/CC members NI0C and NI0G.
- **Treasurer’s Report** – Carlos, N5TN, reported that the bank account balance is \$2680.25. This reflects no change in the balance from the previous month.
- **W0-QSL Bureau** – John, K2VV, reported that again, just a few cards were received this month. As with last month’s report, the COVID-19 virus continues to impact the function of the QSL Bureaus worldwide as well as the transportation of international mail.
- **Health and Welfare** – It was reported that long time MVDX/CC member Sam, K9SD, has suffered a stroke leaving the left side of his body paralyzed. As a result of Sam’s illness, it was also mentioned that his station will be dismantled in the near future. It would be nice if some of you that know Sam give him a call to say hi and wish him well. Sam can be reached at 618-466-5720.
- **September Birthdays** – none
- **Program Planning** – Our meeting program for October will feature MVDX/CC member, Bill “The Grounding Guru” Wiley, WA0BSW ! Bill will present a program on the use of “Single Point Grounding.”
- **DX-pedition Support** – Don, W0VM, reported that while we have on file a request for and have approved funding for the group sponsoring the JX0X DX-pedition to Jan Mayen Island in September 2021, we have agreed to hold the release of the funding until we are closer to the date of the DX-pedition and we feel comfortable that the expedition will take place as planned.
  - The team consists of LA7GIA, RA9USU, DL5EBE, EA3HSO, and LB1QI
  - The team’s website is [www.jx0x.com](http://www.jx0x.com)
- **DX-pedition Funding** – A discussion developed related to the criteria for funding of DX-peditions. There is a question as to whether those DX-peditions which utilize the FT-8 mode are eligible for funding under current MVDX/CC guidelines and criteria. The discussion was remanded to the DX-pedition Committee who will meet separately to resolve. The Committee is comprised of W0VM, W0TT and K0ARY.
- **ARRL DXAC (DX Advisory Committee)** – K2VV reported the following:

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- The DXAC has discontinued any further discussions related to remote station operation. A determination was made that no additional changes to the DXCC rules were required.
- In light of John's retirement from the DXAC, effective the end of 2020, John suggested that any club member wishing to fill his position should contact ARRL Midwest Division Director – Elect, Art Zygielbaum, K0AIZ, to discuss the potential of filling this “appointed” position.

**☒ Program Presentation – Virtual Ham Shack Tours presented by the Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society – STL**

- Chuck, NI0C and Udo, NI0G presented visual tours of their respective ham shacks.
- Below is a brief summary of each station
  - NI0C – Chuck's station is built around the Elecraft K-3 system. His antennas consist of a 10-40 mtr vertical system mounted adjacent to his swimming pool, to get that great “salt water take off angle” (editorial comment)! Chuck uses a separate amplified loop antenna system for receiving tied into a DX Engineering Receive Antenna Phase Controller.
    - ☒ Chuck is primarily a cw operator ( I didn't see a microphone anywhere) and shared his wonderful key, bug and paddle collection which included some Vibroplex models that were more than 100 years old ! A 1905 edition of the Vibroplex “Original” along with a Blue Racer and a very rare 1917 Vibroplex “dual paddle” bug.
  - NI0G- Udo took us flying to see his station ! A video overview (literally) shot from a high flying drone , of Udo's outstanding , 2 tower , antenna system was breath taking. BIG beams on all bands down to 40 meters hung on two separate 60 foot towers located at opposite ends of his house and property were extremely impressive ! Inside duties are handled by a Yaesu FT-5000 and a choice of Alpha 8410 or Acom 2000 amplifiers to keep the shack warm during the winter months.
  - Thank you to Chuck and Udo for sharing their homes and shacks with us !
- The meeting concluded at approximately 9PM with appreciation expressed by Club President, NI0G, to the members of the BEARS - STL