

Minutes of the March 2024 GMDXA Meeting

March 25, 2024

The March meeting of GMDXA, hosted by Rick McGaver NK9G at his home, was called to order by President Gary Drasch K9DJT at 1902. The Secretary Ron Gorski N9AU was absent. 21 members were in attendance. There was one visitor, Ken Claerbout K4ZW, who has been involved with the operations at ET3AA. GMDXA has donated funds to that operation. Meeting minutes were taken by Andy Catanzaro W9NJY. The February meeting minutes were read and a correction from W9XT was added. The amended minutes were approved. The current treasurer's report was read.

DX Reports:

MY CALL		Month	YEAR		
WB9TFH		MAR	2024		
Call	Date	Time	Band	Mode	Notes
H40WA	28-Feb		20m	CW	ATNO
5H4AYL	19-Feb		15m	SSB	NBC
H40WA	1-Mar		12m	CW	NBC
H40WA	1-Mar		20m	FT8	NBC
J38R	3-Jan		80m	CW	NBC
J38R	13-Mar		15,17m	SSB	NBC
PJ5/SP9FIH	19-Feb		17m	SSB	NBC
8R7X	15-Feb		10m	FT8	New Mode
F6GCP	15-Feb		12m	SSB	New Mode
J38R	5-Mar		10,20m	CW	New Mode
J38R	15-Mar		15m	SSB	New Mode
PJ5/SP9FIH	5-Feb		15m	SSB	New Mode

MY CALL		Month	YEAR		
W9RN		MAR	2024		
Call	Date	Time	Band	Mode	Notes
XU7GNY			17, 30m	FT8	NBC
JG8NQJ/HD1			12m	CW	NBC
A71UN			30m	FT8	NBC
YI3TTT			20m	FT8	New Mode
HZ1LR			30m	FT4	NBC

MY CALL		Month	YEAR		
W9XT		MAR	2024		
Call	Date	Time	Band	Mode	Notes
H40WA	29-Feb		80m	CW	NBC
EX0M	29-Feb		15, 17m	CW	NBC
H40WA	1-Mar		20m	CW	NBC
XU7GNY	7-Mar		15m	FT8	New Mode
A71UN	13-Mar		30m	FT8	NBC
YI3TTT	17-Mar		20m	FT8	New Mode
VP8LP	24-Mar		6m	FT8	NBC
FY5KE	24-Mar		6m	SSB	NBC

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WB9TFF		MAR	2024		
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H40WA			15m	FT8	ATNO
XU7GNY			17m	FT8	atno
EX0M			15m	CW	NBC
H40WA			10m	FT8	NBC
J38R			10, 15,20, 80m	CW	NBC
J38R			40M	FT8	NBC

Contest Reports: The WPX contest is coming next weekend.

Andy W9NJY reported some of his experiences in the ARRL DX SSB contest at PJ2T.

Committee Reports:

DX Committee: Jerry N9AW reported that there is \$450 left in the DX funding kitty. He repeated from the January meeting that LA7GIA requested that GMDXA donate \$600 to the 3Y0K expedition to Bouvet. We have donated \$1,500 to the past expeditions (attempts). He asked how many in the room still need Bouvet and eight members indicated they did. Jerry indicated that LA7GIA's group is having a severe problem with raising money. They are having trouble reserving important services now due to inadequate funding as of this date. He strongly recommended that we fund this newest attempt, but the item was tabled to a discussion at a future meeting citing the possibility of this trip not happening at all.

Jerry recommending the club donate \$150 to the FT4GL trip to Glorioso. Glorioso is #4 in the NA want list for ATNOs. Rudy NF9V motioned and Al WA9BZW seconded we pass the recommendation and it passed unanimously.

Lastly, Jerry described the 6O3T expedition in the fall to Somaliland. It would involve young operators on the trip. He suggested we keep this one on our radar.

QSL Card Checking :Since last meeting, Ron N9AU processed 3 DXCC applications and 3 VUCC applications. It was asked if cards could be forwarded to Ron for processing and Andy W9NJY reported yes. NK9G has agreed to facilitate

GMDXA Webpage: Gary W9XT had no current updates. Specifically, last meeting he reported adding N9ATD, who had been missing, to the web roster.

DX Cluster: Gary K9DJT reported the W9ODD node was working fine. Pete KW9E said he's been experiencing periods of slow throughput.

Old Business: none

New Business: Jerry N9AW reported that he has been the manager of the GMDXA's participation in Club Log and of our Facebook site. He would like some help and possible succession planning in the form of help from co-managers. Gary K9DJT volunteered to help with Facebook and Rudy NF9V said he would help with Club Log.

Next meeting will be hosted by Gary W9XT on April 22.

Raffle: The 50/50 DX raffle was won by our visitor Ken K4ZW. He donated this to the club treasury.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by W9RN was seconded by W9NJY. The meeting closed at 1946.

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