**Officer and Board Attendees:**

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| Mark Hazel, K2MTH*President, RDXA; Director* | . | Lynn Bisha, W2BSN*Director* | X | Andrew Lesny, W2FG*Director, Newsletter Editor* | X |
| Brent Hungate, KC2QLJ*Vice President, RDXA; Director* | X | Larry Brightenfield, W2LB*Director* | . | Doug Stewart, N2BEG*Director* | X |
| Bill Rogers, K2TER*Secretary, RDXA; Director; Election Committee Chairman* | X | *Paul Mackanos**Director; Webmaster* | X |  |  |
| Irv Goodman, AF2K*Treasurer, RDXA* | X | *Max Kelley, KC2SPY**Director* | . |  |  |

**Other Appointed Position Attendees:**

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| Paul Mackanos, K2DB*Webmaster* | X | Ken Boasi, N2ZN*Field day Chairman* | . | Others: Dave Wright, N2CKKen Boasi, N2ZNVic Gauvin, K1PY | --X |
| *Nicki Hungate**Banquet Chairman* | . | Paul Kolacki, K2FX*Media Chairman* | - |
| Dan Guyor, N2DD*Awards Chairman; Membership Chairman* | X | Chris Shalvoy, K2CS*DX Chairman, Contest Chairman* | - | Don Vlack, K2DV*Club Calendar Chairman* | - |

Meeting called to order by RDXA Secretary Brent, KC2QLJ at 7:40 PM.

**Treasurer’s Report:**  4/08/2014

**Club Funds $2681.36**

**NYQP $250.48**

**Membership Report:**

Dan reported 84 current members.

15 are good through 2015.

**Action Items:**

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| **ID** | **Pri** | **Description** | **Assignee** | **Due** | **Notes** |
| 1 | M | FD committee to replace the rope on the RDXA pulley on the Webster Park flag pole. This will require the Webster Fire Department. | Vic | 5/1/2014 | **Lloyd made contact this task is on the fire department’s list.** |
| 9 | H | Decide on path forward for skimmer internet access. “Log me in” alternative will cost $49/yr now. | Paul | 4/1/2014 | Hold - Paul to contact Mark. Paul reported that the skimmer web page is still accessible will re-address if this change.  |
| 10 | L | Decide how to utilize internet to allow meeting collaboration. (Skype) | Bill | 5/1/2014 | Bill to contact Mark |
| 11 | M | Start a conversation on the reflector about meeting attendance | Brent | 5/1/2014 |  |
| 12 | M | Start and email thread encouraging members to sign up for slot on the W1AW/2 | Paul | 5/1/2014 |  |
| 13 | M | Explore options for new badges for decision at next board meeting. Badges must be reasonably similar to the existing badge. | Vic | 5/1/2014 |  |

**Board Meeting Venues:**

May 13th – Doug

June 10th - Lynn

**Old Business:**

General Meeting Programs – April program will be Ken N2ZN – topic is SO2R operation

Paul commented that we will need to improve planning the programs for the general. Andrew commented that we have one article for the newsletter. This month’s article is by N2UJN on antenna analyzer work. Paul suggested that we continue to decide on board meetings settled at the first meeting a discussion ensued. We should be aiming at increasing attendance by providing solid programs far in advance of the actual meeting date. Doug suggested that we appoint a program committee chairman who assists the VP and enlists whoever is necessary. Ask the membership, what will make you come to a meeting on the reflector and in the newsletter. Same for program ideas.

Skimmer project update: 6M skimmer computer is functional. The skimmer has been reported to hear as well as the K-3. This package will be deployed at Jeff Ach’s QTH at 70’. The HF skimmer is in the process of being relocated. Paul will look into a digital mode skimmer operation on 40. FD skimmer is up and running. The club purchased a new vertical for K2DV’s QTH to locate the club skimmer. A work party will be assembled to install this antenna and the skimmer. The W2UTH 6M beacon requires more isolation between the key and unkeyed states. Paul notified Dave about this situation. Skimmer will be relocated to Jeff’s W2FU QTH. Two meter skimmer location is being assembled by Mark Oliver, W2FE. This will be relocated to Jeff’s QTH in the spring. Paul trouble shot the 40M skimmer to a bad coax. As of March 14, 2014 there will be a $49 per year access charge for “LogMeIn”. The board agreed to pay this fee in lieu of alternatives. Paul agreed to contact Mark to see if there are any other free IP services available. Mark has the 2M kit and will assemble it. John is coordinating with Jeff to decide on an appropriate time to install the 6M skimmer.

The ARRL in 2014 – W1AW/?? Will be QRV in each of the 50 states of the US weekly. Centennial QSO Party. Paul reported that Chris was contacted to support this effort at NNY site K2NNY. Paul asked that the club support this effort from an operation standpoint. Each participant will be able to run W1AW/xx from their station. Mark asked Paul and Chris to respond to the request on behalf of RDXA. Paul reported W1AW/2 will be May 21-27. All bands all modes except for 60M. Carey and Paul are working on a Google calendar to coordinate operations W1AW.NY@gmail.com. Paul sent notes to WNYDXA, RVHFG, etc. to 160-laser all modes. Sign up for what you want to operate. Signal report and state is the exchange. Ev discussed PropNet – robot contacts. PSK may be covered for the duration. You must be an ARRL member to sign up. Update Apr – 65 people are signed up and vetted. Members are encouraged to check the schedule during week of the operation to fill in gaps.

Paul commented on the name badges from another organization that cost $4.00. Paul will share the name badges information with the group. Irv reported that the price has not gone up for new badges. Paul recommends that we look into the badges @ $4.00 vs. $8.55 + $2.35 shipping + 15% tax.

Paul made an observation that participation in contests (log submissions) are decreasing to the point of concern. Paul suggested that we have a discussion at the general meeting and solicit suggestions.

Irv mentioned that Dave Wright mentioned that a company has offered to supply the club with a substantial quantity of commercial grade used coax. Vic volunteered to facilitate the acquisition and storage of the coax and provide a thank you note to the business given that then we accept it. Vic will convey the information on the reflector.

Paul made an observation that voting members and officers are not present at the board meeting or available to accept club business actions. Appointed committee members are encouraged to attend and provide a report in lieu of attendance. This should be considered as part of the commitment to serving on the board or as an officer.

Bill reported that the Awards Banquet will be at Lillian’s Saturday April 26th at 7PM. Cocktails at 6PM. Menu will be similar to last year and the cost per person will remain $20.00.

**New Business:**

Board of Directors Candidates as reported by the election chairman, Bill K2TER

1. Mark Hazel, K2MTH
2. Brent Hungate, KC2QLJ
3. Lynn Bisha, W2BSN
4. Bill Rogers, K2TER
5. Andrew Lesny, W2FG
6. Doug Stewart, N2BEG
7. Irv Goodman, AF2K
8. Paul Mackanos, K2DB
9. Dan Guyor, N2DD

Vic opened a discussion regarding the board of directors meeting night. Should we consider having the board meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the meeting? A discussion ensued. Board will take up a discussion next meeting to decide path forward.

Irv made a motion to partially reimburse Bill K2TER for food and refreshments at meetings $100 was approved by the board.

Motion to support Mike Rink for 145.11 repeater by donating $100 was approved by the board.

Vic inquired about the state of the traditional Friday meeting at a restaurant. Attendance is down and the gathering has been cancelled for the near future. Alternatives were discussed. The Elmwood Inn was suggested. Irv will post a message for next Friday.

The meeting was closed by Bill, K2TER at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Rogers – K2TER - Secretary of the Rochester DX Association