

## MINUTES OF THE LIDXA ASSOCIATION MEETING

January 17, 2003

The meeting was held via ZOOM which the members continue to prefer. Our meetings in this format are informal and conversational.

All those who share our interest in the Amateur Radio specialty of DXing are invited. New members should contact a member if they would like to have the ZOOM link.

Present at this meeting were: John, W2GW, President of LIDXA; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Karen, W2ABK; Bob, W2OSR; Rick, K2RB; Tom, KA2D; Aaron, WC2C; Gerry, K1NY; Walt, W2TE; Steve, N2AJ; Dr. Dave, KA2HTV; Art, N2KA; and Lee, VK3GK.

As the meeting began at 8 PM, there was a discussion of Jack, NU2Q's picture on his ZOOM virtual background. Jack said that this picture was taken in a small town in central Italy. Jack further spoke of participating in the WRTC January special event. Jack began about a week after the start. He finished 91<sup>st</sup> out of thousands in the all-band CW category with 588 Q's.

Tom, KA2D, then said that he and Walt, W2TE, will travel to Bologna, Italy later this year for the WRTC competition.

Dr. Dave, KA2HTV, spoke of contacting Ethiopia in the morning. He also worked TN8K and FT8WW. He has contacted Iran, also in the mornings.

Bob, W2OSR, told of working TN8K many times.

Steve, N2AJ, then gave updated information about the Bouvet Dxpediton, 3Y0J. People and equipment were flown from England to the Falklands by RAF military aircraft. Both English hams and VP8 hams were most accommodating with the VP8 operators giving a hand with supplies.

Team member, Adrian, KO8SCA, set up the antenna that was expected to contact the Elon Musk Starlink satellites. This would provide worldwide internet connectivity.

Tom, KA2D, spoke about Ham Radio University, HRU. He said that there were 1600 registrations for courses with 1100 actual attendees. Videos of the talks will be available shortly. Tom thanked all who worked on the program. He also thanked those who gave support by their attendance.

Lee, VK3GK, announced that he will be a PILOT for 3Y0J for the Oceanic region.

Also noted is that Steve, N2AJ will be the PILOT for the North America East Coast section. Steve will also be the Media outlet person.

Jerry, WB2ZEX, announced that there will be a LIMARC hamfest in February. Members should check the LIMARC website for details.

Just before the meeting ended, Steve, N2AJ, said that it was just announced that Adrian, KO8SCA, has been chosen by the Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) to be the keynote speaker for their DX dinner at the University of Dayton Marriott Hotel on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This is the Dayton Convention, and the announcement comes as a great honor for Adrian.

The meeting ended at 9:02 PM. The next meeting will be held via ZOOM on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 8 PM.

The video portion of the evening detailed the DXpedition to Guinea-Bissau in January, 2007, using the call, J5C. When the operators returned home, they could boast of having made over 62,000 QSOs.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Phelan, NU2Q

Secretary