

MINUTES OF THE LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION

MEETING – JANUARY 18, 2022

The decision to run the meetings of the LIDXA using the ZOOM format continues due to the COVID virus. This format sometimes leads to meetings which are very informal. Meetings such as these can best be described as conversations between friends and fellow DXers, many of whom have been members of the Club for many years.

Those present were: John, W2GW; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Steve, N2AJ; Tom, KA2D; Dave, KA2HTV; Bob, W2OSR; Rick, K2RB; Karen, W2ABK; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Art, N2KA; Richie, KB2ZPB; Gerry, K1NY; Chris, VK3FY.

The meeting started at 8 PM.

John, W2GW, started the meeting with a discussion of band conditions and propagation in general and on 12 meters in particular. John indicated that band conditions do seem to be improving.

Steve, N2AJ, thanked the HRU organizing team and all instructors for producing a truly great day of presentations. He also thanked the team for putting the video sessions on the internet site as well as on YouTube. Tom, KA2D, discussed his presentation on the topic of DX. He said that this received good reviews. Tom also said that the most attended sessions covered topics such as: VHF, coupling, Raspberry Pi, and introduction into HF. Tom concluded by asking for members to watch the videos on YouTube as the aggregate number of watched videos helps the status of HRU with its position on the service.

John, W2GW, filed IRS Form 990 for 501(c)(3) charitable organizations. It costs \$40.00 to file.

John also made a contribution on behalf of the LIDXA to the DXpedition to Crozet which is planned for December 2022. The Club logo is on their website.

John also requested that members pay their dues. The amount is \$25.00.

Richie, K2KNB, spoke of LIMARC's virtual hamfest to be held on January 30th. The topic for the February meeting will be 'cloud storage'. All are welcomed.

Karen, W2ABK, expressed disappointment over her not being able to attend HRU in person again this year. She also inquired if the membership is aware of the happenings on Tonga after the volcanic eruption.

Steve, N2AJ stated that Tonga could be cut off for a considerable amount of time. Chris, VK3SY, said that the island has been covered in ash. Australia and New Zealand are sending help via the military.

Chris also spoke of a serious complication his son received as a result of a COVID vaccination. The members of LIDXA extend their best wishes and prayers for a speedy return to health.

Steve, N2AJ, said that the International DX Convention in Visalia has been cancelled. The question now is whether Dayton will be a go. The question is worth considering because most of the attendees will most likely be over the age of 50.

Art, N2KA spoke of a DX station working from Ogasawara.

Dave, KA2HTV, said that he recently heard DX coming in contemporaneously from both the short and long paths. He said that listening to this was a different kind of experience.

Richie, KB2ZPV, has been working FT8 but he has not heard anything exciting on the bands.

Steve, N2AJ has been working FT8 for enjoyment.

Tom, KA2D, spoke of the 160 World Wide DX Contest. He also spoke of the Winter Field Day event. Tom reminded members that they can participate from their home stations.

The meeting was brought to a close by John, W2GW at 9:12 PM. John reminded the members that next month's meeting will be held on February 15th at 8 PM on ZOOM.

For the entertainment portion of the night, John, W2GW, presented a video of the October 2006 DXpedition to Kermadec using the call ZL8R. This was an all-encompassing video which showed some of the preparations for the trip, travel using the Braveheart, and a review of the geography of the Island and the conditions of the operation itself. This video also included a detailed review of the occurrence of a volcanic eruption which happened in March of that year. There was even mention of the loss of one of the Island's permanent conversation workers when the volcano erupted. The video showed efforts that were made to recover his remains. With this as a background, the team managed to make over 40,000 QSOs.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Phelan, NU2Q

Secretary