

## **LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING**

### **FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

The meeting was held via ZOOM which 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 the meeting were: John, W2GW, President of the LIDXA; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Bob, W2OSR; Gerry, K1NY; Steve, KD2BS; Art, N2KA; Adrian, KO8SCA; Jim, W2KFV, NLI Section Manager; Richie, KB2ZPV; Tom, KA2D; Rick, K2RB; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Lee, VK3GK (NE3M).

The meeting started at 8 PM, when John, W2GW, President of LIDXA, called the ZOOM meeting to order.

Jim, W2KFV, NLI Section Manager, gave a report that there are some projects underway at ARRL but that details have not been released. Jim did say that work has been ongoing to improve LOTW. The completion should be announced soon.

Members spoke about the great band conditions which occurred during the recent ARRL DX CW contest. Members thanked Adrian, KO8SCA, for their contacts with him as 4U1UN.

Jack, NU2Q, thanked Adrian for his 3 contacts. Then Jack announced that within the next couple of weeks, he will be continuously licensed for 65 years. He acknowledged that he is not the longest licensed operator in the club. He mentioned John, W2GW and Rick, K2RB, Richie, K2KNB, and of course Walt, W2TE. There are probably others but those are the names which came to mind. Having received confirmation from Clipperton, Jack's DXCC Total is now 319. He still has a way to go to catch up with many members of the club whose totals are 330 plus!

Rick, K2RB, made many RTTY contacts over the past weekend.

Tom, KA2D, worked the contest for 6 hours and made 400 contacts.

John, W2GW, made many contacts working as a QRP station.

Gerry, K1NY, made 899 contacts and broke the 1,000,000 point level. He also gave thanks to Adrian for his two contacts.

A sad note - members recalled the passing of notable DXers, S57DX, and Bob, K4UEE and former ARRL Hudson Division Vice-Director, Bill Hudzik, W2UDT.

Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC, said that 40 tables have been sold for the upcoming LIMARC Hamfest. John, W2GW, will be there to check DXCC QSL cards. Richie said that he just received confirmation for 8 Band DXCC!!!

Bob, W2OSR, is waiting for confirmation from the Clipperton Island DXpedition. Recently, Bob has been working POTA stations. He made 860 park contacts in three months.

Art, N2KA, has been contacting many stations on 160 meters using his homebrew antenna.

Richie, KB2ZPB, recently contacted Viet Nam. He is anxiously awaiting confirmation. Richie has a total of 275 confirmed DXCC contacts.

Steve, KD2BS, received a card from VK9XY on Christmas Island. Lee, VK3GK, said that this island is where he met Adrian, KO8SCA.

Art, N2KA, asked the question - for those who have worked mostly FT8 - has sending cw become more difficult? Several members answered, 'yes.'

The meeting then drifted into a memory lane session for those who took their radio exams in the New York City FCC Field Office. Discussion centered around the Morse Code portion of the exams. There were many tales about the examiner, Mr. Finkleman!!! Just about everyone had a story!

John announced that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19th at 8 PM using the ZOOM format. Tonight's meeting ended at 9:06 PM

Members agreed to postpone the video portion of the evening until the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary