

As the Corona virus pandemic precludes our meeting in person at this time, the LIDXA conducted its first online meeting on April 5, 2020 at 3:00 PM via Zoom.

Attending were: Jack, NU2Q, Karen, W2ABK, Steve, N2AJ, Adrian, KO8SCA, Peter, AA2VG, Tom, KA2D, Gerry, K1NY, Rick, K2RB, Art, N2KA, Bob, W2OSR, Lou, NO2C, Dave, KA2HTV, Louise, K2MAU, and John, W2GW.

Karen took notes, and John hosted the meeting.

The discussion was generally free ranging and full of good-natured commentary. We covered topics from current DX to station equipment.

It was noted that the twenty meter band has been quite active during these days of required staying at home. Contacts with European stations have been easy to make throughout the day, especially with the FT8 and FT4 digital modes. Japanese stations have often been plentiful during our early evening hours using these modes.

Adrian gave us the inside story on his recent DXpedition with Martti Laine and his friend Nikko, to the British Virgin Islands in commemoration of the YASME anniversary. He described the difficulties Martti and Nikko had to get flights home to Finland after the virus had started to take hold. They finally made it, but had to go through quarantine there, having come in from the USA.

Adrian also described the problems that had to be overcome in his getting 4U1UN back on the air. These stemmed mainly from the strict security requirements imposed by the UN on outside visitors.

Tom described his efforts to set up a panadapter using an SDR receiver and software.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.