

# **MINUTES OF THE LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION**

## **MEETING MARCH 16, 2021**

The COVID virus lockdown continues and the March meeting of the Long Island DX Association was held via the ZOOM format.

The members present were: John, W2GW, President; Louise, K2MAU; Bob, W2OSR; Art, N2KA; Steve, N2AJ; Adrian, KO8SCA; Jack, NU2Q; Walt, W2TE; Karen, W2ABK; Dr. Dave, WA2HTV; Rich, K2RB; Richie, KB2ZPV; Lou, NO2C; Salli, K2RYD; Gerry, K1NY; Richard, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; and special guests from Australia: Lee, VK3GK (NE3M) and Chris, VK3FY.

Lee and Chris gave a brief description about the current operation from Cocos Keeling. As of the meeting date, operation was limited to 40 meters. There are two stations and several antennas.

Steve, N2AJ spoke of his lengthy conversation with Dom regarding the activation of Conway Reef and Rotuma. These will be possible; however, the larger operation will be the DXpedition to Bouvet.

Club members along with Lee and Chris discussed the reality of the COVID virus both in Australia and in the US and in the local area of Long Island. Several club members have actually had the virus and their message to all was to get vaccinated.

John, W2GW, thanked Gerry, K1NY for giving him a copy of the QSL card of the first holder of the call W2GW.

Rich, President of LIMARC, spoke about a talk Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, former legal counsel to the FCC presented at a club meeting. But Rich's and LIMARC's main issue is how to be compliant with COVID rules and regulations if the club holds its Field Day on the BOCES property in Nassau. LIMARC would have to follow the health rules of BOCES, the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County and New York State. Some issues: how do you address the requirements for cleanliness and for the handling of food. A health inspector from any of the above entities could make an inspection and decide to close the operation down.

Rich, K2RB, spoke about QSO TODAY, the online event held during the prior weekend. Participation was limited due to poor connections and technical difficulties.

Adrian, KO8SCA and Lee, VK3GK, spoke about increasing their involvement with EME and its use in future DXpeditions.

Rich, K2RB and Lee, VK3GK spoke about using Flex Radios for remote operation.

Jack, NU2Q, asked Adrian about the operation at 4U1UN. Adrian said that there appeared to be a problem with the equipment and not with the antenna. If the problem is with equipment, repairs may take a while to be completed due to UN security issues.

Bob, W2OSR, spoke about building a 5 watt QRP rig for 40 meters. He also said that he planned to work on his antennas with the warmer weather.

Richie, KB2ZPV, said that he has worked all Zones. He needs to know how to claim credit for the WAZ award where some contacts are confirmed on LOTW while others are confirmed with paper QSLs. John, W2GW, said he will provide the information.

Walt, W2TE, spoke of observing International Marconi Day by operating on private property located near the Marconi site.

The business portion of the meeting was brought to a close by John, W2GW at 9:15 PM.

John reminded the club that the next meeting is scheduled for April, 20, 2021 at 8 PM using the ZOOM format.

For the entertainment portion, John then played a video of the 2015 DXpedition to Navassa Island, K1N, which netted 140,000 QSOs.

Respectively submitted

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Secretary