

## **LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING**

### **MARCH 18, 2025**

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 were: John, W2GW, President of the LIDXA; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Art, N2KA; Karen, W2ABK; Steve, N2AJ; Richie, KB2ZPB; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Frank, W2FDM; Dr. Dave, KA2HTV; Adrian, KO8SCA; Rick, K2RB; Pat, KE2LJ; Steve, KD2BS; Bob, W2OSR; Tom, KA2D; Gerry, K1NY.

The meeting started at 8 PM.

Jerry, WB2ZEX, said that he is returning to New York next week. His radio activity has been limited to using his mobile in the car.

Dr. Dave, described how he is very busy with work which limits his DX operating time.

Steve, KD2BS, joins us on ZOOM tonight from Hilton Head. He has been using RHR for any of his recent DX activities.

Pat, KE2LJ, reported that his local radio club is working on sprucing up his TH3 antenna which he donated to the club.

Tom, KA2D, reported that he has been under the weather recently. He is not active currently with radio, although he helps out at GSBARC.

Rick, K2RB, has been very active on the bands. His station is now completely FLEX. He acquired a StepIR DB18 antenna. This antenna has greatly improved his signal.

John, W2GW, mentioned that he has been operating mostly on 12 meters contacting European and Middle Eastern stations. Qatar was a good one toward his Challenge Award.

Steve, N2AJ, has been chasing the elusive VU4AX. In addition to its being a difficult area of the world to contact, the operators were not making many US contacts. It appears that this has changed and Steve is listed very high up on the Leaderboard. In addition, Steve also made contacts with South Korea, Japan and last night he contacted Lee, VK3GK.

Adrian, KO8SCA, began his discussion describing some plans for him to be co-leader of the Bouvet Island DXpedition in 2026. The plan at this point calls for the use of an icebreaker and a helicopter. Adrian will also operate from Peter and Paul Rocks later this year.

Concerning Mount Athos, Adrian is hoping that the ARRL will officially sanction the operation. This will allow contacts to qualify toward DXCC credit.

Art, N2KA, mentioned that his antenna and tower are still down. He is waiting for the insurance adjuster.

Richie, KB2ZPB, has been mostly operating using FT8 and FT4.

Richie, K2KNB, mentioned that LIMARC has several antennas and an amplifier for sale. He mentioned that propagation in recent days has been very poor. One night on FT8, he contacted a VK6 station but that was the only QSO for the evening.

Jack, NU2Q, has been active on radio from time to time. He operates FT8 mostly but does prefer to have some CW contacts. Jack asked for prayers for a family health situation.

Karen, W2ABK, spoke of following the path of a high altitude balloon on her computer.

Bob, W2OSR, has been very active on FT8. Some good DX that he contacted was a station in Thailand and another in China.

John, W2GW, announced that the next LIDXA meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15th at 8 PM using the ZOOM format.

The meeting ended at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary