

MINUTES OF THE LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION

MEETING – APRIL 20, 2021

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

The members present were John, W2GW, President; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Bob, W2OSR; Karen, W2ABK; Art, N2KA; Adrian, KO8SCA; Walt, W2TE; Rick, K2RB; Lou, NO2C; Richie, KB2ZPB; Steve, N2AJ; Dr. Dave, WA2HTV; Gerry, K1NY; and special guest, Chris, VK3FY.

The meeting started informally at 8 P.M. with a discussion already been in progress concerning various topics of interest.

Adrian, KO8SCA then continued with a report on his operations at the United Nations. As of the date of the meeting, Adrian had made approximately 35,000 QSOs.

The discussion continued with Chris, VK3FY talking about the antenna installations on his 40 acre farm in Australia. Although most of the work has been finished, some antennas still need work.

The main topic for tonight centered around Adrian, KOSCA, and the DXpedition to Bouvet Island, 3Y0J. Bouvet is the most remote uninhabited place on earth. Adrian is one of the 14 members of this excursion. The DXpedition is being conducted under the co-leadership of Paul, N6PSC and Ken, LA7GIA. The projected budget is approximately \$750,000. The money is expected to come from donations from the larger DXpedition sponsors as well as clubs and amateurs around the world including the individual participants themselves.

Adrian was proud to say that the Long Island DX Association was the first club to send financial support. This put Adrian in a favorable light since the LIDXA is his home Club!!! Of note, for the record, John, W2GW, reported that there were over 20 responses from members to the email requesting support for the mission. John stated that the response was unanimous for a donation.

As of the meeting, a \$100,000 donation was made by the Northern California DX Foundation and another generous donation made by the International DX Association.

Most of the actual expense will go to the operation of the RV Braveheart. There is the difficult trip from Cape Town (and return) which is expected to last 7-10 days each way. Also, Adrian explained that the ship will not just anchor. It will be continually in operation for the expected 20 days that the expedition will be operational on the island.

The biggest problem for the operation on land are the storms which frequently have winds of 100 MPH and over. It is estimated that there are over 300 storms a year.

Landing on the Island will be a challenge. To accomplish this, the group will use Zodiacs. This requires the choice of a team whose members are strong and healthy.

The goal of the DXpedition is to achieve 100,000 Q's. They will stress operation on 160 and 80 meters as well as 20, 40 and 17.

Adrian emphasized that barring any unforeseen circumstances – the operation is a GO!!!!

At the end of the presentation, John, W2GW announced that the next meeting of the club will be held via ZOOM on May 18th at 8 P.M.

The Meeting ended at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Phelan, NU2Q

Secretary