

MINUTES OF THE LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION

MEETING – MAY 16, 2021

The COVID virus lockdown continues and the May 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; Richie, KB2ZPB; Rick, K2RB; Lou, NO2C; Art, N2KA; Dr. Dave, WA2HTV; Adrian, KO8SCA; Steve, N2AJ; Walt, W2TE; in addition, Allen, W2KW; and Chris, VK3FY.

The meeting began at 8 PM with a discussion that had already been ongoing concerning topics as Karen, W2ABK's new transceiver, members working QRP with John, W2GW, describing his QRP operation in the park. Bob, W2OSR, describing a rig where he can operate on 40 using 5 watts and Rich, K2RB, showing the remote control for his FLEX.

Chris, VK3FY, described the changing weather down in Australia with the advent of winter. The current temperature was 16 degrees centigrade with rain.

Steve, N2AJ, spoke with Dom concerning the 3D2JK operation. A huge controversy has arisen as to whether the operation is operating from land or from a boat. Chris, VK3FY, stated the DXCC regulations allow for DXCC credit where a station was operating on a boat, but actually had its antenna on land. This situation might happen where governments disallow overnight personnel operation on land, however, antennas would be allowed to remain. Dom told Steve that people should not rush to judgment and that time will tell.

John, W2GW, briefly spoke of a conversation he had with the person from the Town of Oyster Bay who is in charge of renting out the meeting rooms in the ice rink. She told John that she is not renting the rooms yet but that there may be a change coming soon where we may again be permitted to have our meetings in person at the facility.

Richie, KB2ZPV, asked if anyone had a recent address for JT5DX. Richie tried several times to get a confirmation but to no avail. Chris, VK3FY, said he would find it. Adrian, KO8SCA, said to give some more time because the person is very diligent to return QSLs.

Adrian, KO8SCA, gave updates on several matters:

1. He is working on replacing a beacon antenna on the UN. The prior antenna was damaged during a wind storm.
2. 3Y0J – teams have formed to work on various projects necessary for the dxpedition. Adrian is working with the antenna group which has the challenge to choose antennas which can handle the continuous 70 – 100 MPH winds.
3. At Visalia, the dxpedition was discussed stressing those aspects which make it far different from any other location on earth

Lou, NO2C, spoke about the event surrounding the final episode of the TV show, “The Last Man Standing.” At the conclusion approximately 88,000 Q’s were logged.

Art, N2KA, spoke of a recent pileup he had of JA’s calling.

Rick, K2RB, spoke about the Dayton Hamvention coming up this weekend.

Bob, W2OSR, mentioned LIMARC’s event at the Cradle of Aviation.

John, W2GW, reminded the club that next meeting will be held on June 15th at 8PM using ZOOM. John invited John Miller, K6MM, to speak about one of his DXpeditions. John hopes that as many members as possible can attend.

The meeting ended at 9:05PM.

John then showed a video about the KP1-5 Project which organized the DXpedition to Desecheo Island in 2009 using the call K5D. The operation netted 115,787 QSOs.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Phelan, NU2Q