

## **LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING MAY 21, 2024**

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 at the meeting were: John, W2GW, President of the LIDXA; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Bob, W2OSR; Gerry, K1NY; Steve, KD2BS; Allen, N2KW; Adrian, KO8SCA; Tom, KA2D; Rick, K2RB; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Karen, W2ABK.

The meeting started at 8 PM, when John, W2GW, President of LIDXA, called the ZOOM meeting to order.

Adrian, KO8SCA, spoke about being hard at work setting up the tower for his new station. He just returned from Dayton where he spent time talking to manufacturers and others who could prove helpful for future DXpeditions. He spoke briefly about his planned trip to Jarvis Island.

Adrian also thanked the LIDXA for supporting the induction of Cesar, VE3LYC, into the CQ DX Hall of Fame. Cesar was honored and filled with emotion at receiving this award.

Steve, KD2BS, was also at Dayton. He enjoyed seeing the many exhibits. He noted that POTA was featured this year with the many products featured. He recently worked a station in Bhutan.

John, W2GW, joined in by saying that he also worked the Bhutan station. John also contacted a station in Laos.

Richie, K2KNB, said that the upcoming LIMARC Hamfest will be held on June 2, 2024. Richie said that it is becoming more difficult to book vendors for these events. Many sellers are getting older and do not want to travel to set up for a hamfest.

Allen, W2KW, recently finished working the Baltic contest. At present, he does not have a seat for WPX. Allen said that he donated an award known as the “Cherry Picker Award” for the Stu Perry contest event. The award is to honor Ed Whitman, LIDXA former Secretary. Allen said that over the years, Ed would work this contest but that he ‘cherry picked’ contacting those stations that he needed. Allen sponsored the donation in the name of the Long Island DX Association.

A quorum being present at tonight’s meeting, John, W2GW, called for a vote for the election of Officers and Directors. Unanimously elected were the following:

Officers:

President and Treasurer - John, W2GW

Vice President - Tom, KA2D

Secretary - Jack, NU2Q

Directors:

Steve, N2AJ

Adrian, KO8SCA

Dr. Dave, KA2HTV

Tom, KA2D, spoke about the erratic band conditions. He mentioned that the Great South Bay ARC sponsored the K2FBI operation at the Fire Island Lighthouse and an event at the Airpower Museum.

Jerry, WB2ZEX, is living in Florida in an HOA community which has a sign explicitly stating, “no ham radio antennas.”

MFJ is going out of business. The owner will only sell the company as a complete package. He will not split off any individual company.

LOTW is still not working. Adrian, KO8SCA, said that since it has been offline for this long means that many problems still need to be resolved. Hopefully, the collected data has been backed up and all this data will be restored when the system becomes operational.

K2RB was not able to go to Dayton this year. He has watched some of the forums. Today he put up a three band dipole. He also recently received the new Maestro.

Jack, NU2Q, said that working DX lately depends on when you are able to operate and the band conditions at the time. One day, he worked Botswana, Lebanon, Thailand and Egypt. The next day, the bands were dead.

Jerry, K1NY, asked the members which logging program they prefer. Jerry wanted a program that is relatively simple to use. Allen, W2KW, suggested using the logging functions of N1MM. John, W2GW and Jack, NU2Q, suggested N3FJP.

John, W2GW, said that the next club meeting will be held on June 18, 2024 at 8PM using the ZOOM format.

The meeting ended at 9:05 PM.

For the entertainment portion, John, W2GW, showed a video of the 2009 DXpedition to Desecheo Island, K5D. This was the site for the KP1-5 Project. This Project sought to find a solution to the problem of the closure of Desecheo and Navassa Islands to amateur radio operations. The DXpedition made just under 116,000 contacts with 37,807 unique calls.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary