

MINUTES OF THE LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION

MEETING – SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

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

Those present were: John, W2GW, President of the LIDXA; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Art, N2KA; Karen, W2ABK; Rick, K2RB; Bob, W2OSR; Tom, KA2D; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Lou, NO2C; Richie, KB2ZPB; Steve, N2AJ; Gerry, K1NY; Chris, VK3FY.

The meeting started at 8 PM

Rick, K2RB, announced that he will be closing on his house and moving to Connecticut very shortly. Some noted that Rick and Tom, KA2D, had birthdays recently.

Tom, KA2D, spoke of some of the DX that are active at the present time. These include 3D2CR from Conway Reef, a 9G (Ghana), 3DA (e-Swatini) and a D6 (Comoros). Tom cautioned that those who work the 3D2CR in the FT8 mode using F/H must receive the RR73 acknowledgement. If not, then it is the 'pirate' who was most likely contacted.

Lou, NO2C, spoke of the September 11 Memorial operation, W2T. He said that 1,100 QSOs were made with 350 requests for certificate downloads. Lou mentioned the idea of an event for the 25th anniversary and that it would run for 3 days.

Chris, VK3FY, spoke of the deplorable conditions in Australia due to the country's lockdown policies. The government has locked down the country, restricted travel, businesses are closed and people are losing their homes. Chris has not done much with radio because he has been very busy working on his farm.

There was a brief discussion about working parks on the air (POTA). Lou, NO2C has made contact with approximately 2600 parks.

Steve, N2AJ, mentioned the operation of Dom, currently 3D2CR on Conway Reef. He also mentioned a program called JT Sync which can be used to sync the timing with another station whose time may be off considerably, thus preventing a successful FT8 contact. John, W2GW also noted that this program was good. Steve gave the link as: www.dxshell.com/jtsync.htm. Additionally, Steve mentioned that stations in Finland will have the opportunity to sign 'OF' instead of 'OH'.

Tom, KA2D, mentioned that Mt. Athos is expected to begin operations soon with Monk Iakovos. The call will be SV2RSG/A.

Steve, N2AJ, contacted Adrian, KO8SCA. Adrian was not able to join the meeting. However, he did answer Steve's question about Swains Island. Adrian said that this may happen next Spring.

John, W2GW, announced that the next meeting will be on October 19, 2021 at 8 PM.

The business portion of the meeting concluded at 10:05 PM.

For the entertainment portion of the evening, John, W2GW, showed a video of the 2000 DXpedition to Bhutan, A52A. The operation was put together quickly but did include many very experienced operators. The video showed much of the beautiful countryside and conveyed the idea that Bhutan is a country steeped almost entirely in its own culture and religion. It is only recently that the country is beginning to reach out to the ways of the 'outside' world. The operation was conducted using the facilities of the Pine Wood Hotel in the capital city of Thimphu.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary