

## **MINUTES OF THE LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION**

### **MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2021**

The decision to run the meetings of the LIDXA using the ZOOM format continues due to the COVID virus. This format sometimes leads to meetings which are very informal. Meetings such as these can best be described as conversations between friends and fellow DXers many of whom have been members of the club for many years.

Those present were: John, W2GW, President of the LIDXA; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Art, N2KA; Rick, K2RB; Bob, W2OSR; Tom, KA2D; Lou, NO2C; Richie, KB2ZPB; Steve, N2AJ; Gerry, K1NY; and Dr. Dave, KA2HTV.

The meeting started at 8 P.M.

Rick, K2RB, spoke first about his move from Long Island to Connecticut. He noted that taking down a station was relatively easy compared with the job of building a new one. The big challenge is with setting up the tower and antennas.

Bob, W2OSR, John, W2GW and Steve, N2AJ spoke of their portable operations from local parks. Bob runs 100 watts and uses a Bioenno battery for his power source. John runs 100 watts and he uses a Miady battery. Steve also runs 100 watts but he uses a battery from an old Mercedes. They reported having good results with their setups. Each agreed that it was better to work portable with high power than sit for long periods between contacts using low power.

Lou, NO2C, said that he may have surpassed working 3,000 POTA stations. He was awaiting final confirmations which were due to be announced later in the evening.

Tom, KA2D, spoke of some of the DXpeditions that are currently operating in the African region. These include S9OK from Sao Tome y Principe (QRT), J5T and J5HTK from Guinea-Bissau and 3DA0RU from the Kingdom of Eswatini. 5H3MB from Tanzania and 3DA0WW from the Kingdom of Eswatini are also operational.

A discussion arose about working these stations on 160. In general, the thought was that conditions were not that good. Dr. Dave was asked how the noise level was at his remote station in Maine. Dave reported that the noise is very low mainly due to the fact that there are not that many people and homes in the area.

Steve, N2AJ, spoke about having PSEG of Long Island come to his shack to investigate the noise that he is experiencing. The main contact person at this time is Lou Cortes. He is not the same person who spoke to the Club several years ago.

A discussion arose on the topic of selling used equipment. Some suggested using YCCC or QTH.COM as ways of disposing of gear that is not used.

John, W2GW, announced that next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM.

The meeting then ended at 9:12.

For the entertainment portion of the evening, John showed a video of the March 2000 DXpedition to Clipperton Island, FO0AAA This project made approximately 75,000 QSOs.

Before the end of the entertainment portion, Tom, KA2D made an announcement that HRU planning is underway. Again, this year, ZOOM will be the format.

Respectively submitted,

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Secretary