

MINUTES OF THE LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING

OCTOBER 18, 2022

The meeting was held via ZOOM which the 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 this meeting were: John, W2GW, President of the LIDXA; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Karen, W2ABK; Walt, W2TE; Rick, K2RB; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Pat, KE2LJ; Richie, KB2ZPB; Lou, NO2C; Seve, N2AJ; Tom, KA2D; Gerry, K1NY; Art, N2KA; Bob, W2OSR.

The meeting began at 8 PM. Prior to the meeting, members discussed various aspects of POTA operating. This discussion continued as the meeting began. Bob, W2OSR, Walt, W2TE and Tom, KA2D spoke of their recent operation. Bob made 28 contacts on 20 SSB using 100 watts and an MFJ 17 foot telescope antenna. Tom and Walt made 14 contacts on 17 meters transmitting QRP and using an elevated vertical dipole.

Art, N2KA, was away in KH6 land but when he returned, he worked TY0RU and TO2DL.

Steve, N2AJ, made many contacts with the D60AE DXpedition using various modes. He placed high on the leaderboard for Zone 5 with 28 band/slots.

Lou, NO2C, reported that, as of tonight's meeting, he has confirmed 5,325 Parks contacts.

Richie, KB2ZPV, has been working DX on FT8. He also has been working on a 160 meter antenna for his home QTH.

Rick, K2RB, has also been working on a 160 antenna for his new QTH. He hopes to set it up tomorrow.

When operating 160, John, W2GW, spoke about the importance of knowing what time of day favors certain areas of the world. Art, N2KA, joined him agreeing that this knowledge is important for successful DXing on 160.

John also said that he has worked 92 countries on 10 meters using his 80/40 antenna. His Elecraft KAT500 can tune this without problems. Speaking about propagation, John also said that the flex numbers correlated with the sunspot numbers and that the flex should be higher next year with the increase of sunspots.

Jerry, WB2ZEX, said that he has a confirmed contact with Delaware for his FT8 WAS.

Gerry, K1NY, reported that he worked TY0RU many times. He said that he has no Challenge contacts on 160.

Jack, NU2Q, spoke about the new pic he has for his virtual background. This is another eclipse picture which he took when he chased the total eclipse of the sun in 2017. In addition, Jack said that he worked some Asian and Pacific stations as well as TY0RU and TO2DL.

The meeting ended at 9:02 PM. John mentioned that the next meeting of the Club will be on November 15th at 8 PM using the ZOOM format.

For the entertainment portion of the evening, John, W2GW, showed a video of the 5 Star DX Association T32C DXpedition to Christmas Island, Kiribati, in 2011. This group made over 200,000 QSOs with 18,000 unique call signs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary