

MINUTES OF THE LONG ISALND DX ASSOCIATION

MEETING – NOVEMBER 16, 2021

The decision to run the meetings of the LIDXA using the ZOOM format continues due to concerns related to the COVID virus.

Those present were: John, W2GW, President of the LIDXA; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Bob, W2OSR; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Karen, W2ABK; Steve, N2AJ; Gerry, K1NY; Ahmed, HC2AP; Walt, W2TE; Dave, KA2HTV; Peter, AA2VG, President of LARC; Art, N2KA; Adrian, KO8SCA; Rick, K2RB; Richie, KB2ZPV; Lee, VK3GK; Chris, VK3FY.

The meeting commenced at 8 PM.

Adrian, KO8SCA, introduced Ahmed, HC2AP. Ahmed then spoke about himself. He is currently working in New York and living in Brooklyn. He is from that part of Ecuador that is along the coast in the Guayaquil area. He has DX and contest experience. Adrian is working to introduce him to more amateurs and to help him get his FCC license.

John, W2GW, then spoke about the possibility of the Club having a holiday party this year. The general feeling is that members want to be sure that the party be held in a safe environment. Along this line, members believed that this year it is better to be safe and not have a party at a restaurant where there is the possibility of COVID spread.

Steve, N2AJ, suggested that the Club have an outdoor picnic during the summer. By a show of hands, those present agreed with this suggestion. One thought was raised as to how would the food would be arranged, For example, who would supply the food and who would cook. John said that there was plenty of time to discuss these issues and to work out the details.

Walt, W2TE, suggested that the location be in a State Park so that it could be put on the air during the picnic.

John, W2GW, then spoke at length about the proposed DXpedition of Thierry, F6CUK, to Crozet Island. By using the supply boat for transportation in December 2022, Thierry will be on Crozet alone for approximately 3 months until March 2023. That is when the boat would return. The island is a volcano with some grass. Thierry is only permitted to erect wire antennas. The wind is a constant 40 MPH with occasional gusts of 90 MPH. The proposed budget is about \$50,000 to which NCDXF has contributed \$20,000. In the world, Crozet is ranked as No. 3 in rarity according to Clublog. The general thought was that the Club would make a donation when Thierry has a workable website.

Lee, VK3GK, NE3M, was happy over the fact that Australia is opening up. He is planning several trips and is looking forward to being in Dayton in 2022. (The word is – Dayton is ON).

Adrian, KO8SCA gave an update on the Bouvet DXpedition of which he is a member. He spoke about the many tasks that are involved and that the ones in which he is involved require much work. Adrian is working on antennas, fundraising and networking.

Steve, N2AJ, mentioned Elvira, IV3FSG. She is currently living in Mozambique and is using the call, C92R. Elvira is working and looking for donations for her projects to improve the lives of children.

Dave, KA2HTV, reported from Florida that he has met some local hams and plans to meet more soon. He spoke of recently working DT8A located on South Shetland Island.

Rick, K2RB, spoke about his move to Connecticut. His tower and antenna are up. He was happy to see so many hams at the LIMARC Hamfest last Sunday.

Peter, AA2VG, spoke of working a park on the air with Howard, WB2UZE of the LICW Club. While doing so, K0IR called. Peter thanked him for his many DXpeditions e.g., VK0IR, Heard Island.

Richie, K2KNB spoke about the LIMARC Hamfest on the previous Sunday. The event went well but vendor tables were more difficult to fill. Masks were required and some came who refused to comply. They were asked to leave. It should be mentioned at this time that Rich received the Amateur of the Year Award for 2020 at the Hudson Division Luncheon on November 13th in Newburgh, NY. Congratulations from all the members of the LIDXA!

John, W2GW, worked JT1CO but spoke of difficulties with having the QSO confirmed. It seems that mail from the US is not being delivered.

Adrian, KO8SCA, will operate in the next contest from Curacao under the call PJ2T.

John, W2GW, reminded the club that the next meeting will be on December 21, 2021 at 8 PM.

The meeting ended at 9:09 PM. It was followed by the entertainment portion which consisted of a video on the DXpedition to Swains Island in 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Phelan, NU2Q

Secretary