

MINUTES OF THE LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION

MEETING - DECEMBER 15, 2020

The COVID virus lockdown continues and the December meeting of the Long Island DX Association was held online via ZOOM.

The members present were: John, W2GW, LIDXA President; Steve, N2AJ; Tom, KA2D; Jack, NU2Q; Walt, W2TE; Bob, W2OSR; Art, N2KA; Karen, W2ABK; Adrian, KO8SCA; Pat, KE2LJ; Gerry, K1NY; Richie, KB2ZPB; Dr. Dave, KA2HTV and Lou, NO2C.

The meeting was called to order by John, W2GW at 8:10 PM. Discussions quickly ensued around the following issues:

Bob, W2OSR's antenna rotator which went south after the 10 meter contest;

Tom, KA2D reported that 10M had some good openings during the contest but that the band remained mostly quiet;

160M had good band activity mostly around grey line openings;

Sunspots numbers were declining in recent days with the flux being lower also;

Steve, N2AJ and Tom, KA2D discussed the good qualities of Tom's FT5000. However, Tom said that his Alpha 87 has experienced continual troubles;

Karen, W2ABK, and Bruce are living with the COVID virus in their home. Very difficult!;

Steve, N2AJ, spoke of the sad passing of Dani Hidayat, YB2TJV to complications arising from the COVID virus. Dani was an Honorary Member of the Long Island DX Association. Members remember his contributions to the club especially his design for our Club Logo.

No major DXpeditions seem to be planned for the immediate future although Bouvet Island seems to be trying to get underway at some future date;

Jack, NU2Q, asked why Johnston Island was considered to be a dangerous place by our speakers last month? Answer - the island is heavily involved with chemical weapons development;

A burning question for the evening - will DJ Buffet be open in 2021?;

Members - DXCC Honor Roll No. 1 belongs to Jerry, K1NY who described his contacting North Korea by 'accident.' Steve, N2AJ, Tom, KA2D and Art N2KA and Frank, N2FF are 1 short.

The business portion of the meeting ended at 8:58 PM. John, W2GW reminded the group that the next meeting will be held on ZOOM on January 19, 2021 at 8 PM.

The entertainment portion of the meeting followed which consisted of a video of the DXpedition to Malpelo, HK0NA, in 2012 which netted some 192,000 Q's. The film showed the harshness of the terrain and the difficulty operators had to set up their stations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary