

MINUTES OF THE LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION

MEETING – DECEMBER 21, 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 LIDX; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Seve, N2AJ; Adrian, KO8SCA; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Karen, W2ABK; Art, N2KA; Tom, KA2D; Richie, KB2ZPB; Dave, KA2HTV; Gerry, K1NY; Ahmed, HC2AP; Chris, VK3FY (W3YM); Lee, VK3GK (NE3M).

Richie, K2KNB, started off the meeting by saying that the Town of Hempstead is ordering the wearing of masks. This will affect LIMARC's meetings and other activities held within the Town.

Some members questioned the operation of S21DX. Steve, N2AJ spoke about some of the difficulties the operation encountered. The group operated only one HF station, using a multiband fan dipole and vertical which limited them to operate FT8 using F/H. The propagation to the U.S. was poor during the time of the DXpedition.

Dave, KA2HTV, checked in from Florida and noted that the temperatures were in the 70's. He and others joined in on the conversation concerning operation on 160. Some heard Europe in the morning hours, as well as V31MA in Belize. Tom, KA2D, has been working toward achieving 100 countries. Art, N2KA, has over 140 confirmed. As he said, it has been a lifetime effort.

Tom, KA2D, spoke of Ham Radio University, HRU, which will be held on Saturday, January 8th. There will be 20 educational forums and pre-registration is required for each session. The event is free but a donation of \$5.00 is requested. Registration and donations can be made on the website. Tom, himself, will present the DX Forum. He will show a video by K0IR, "DXing and DXpeditions," This video describes the beauty of DXing and the personal feeling of satisfaction achieved from making a DX contact. The special callsign for the event is W2HRU.

Adrian, KO8SCA, described that he is extremely busy with his part of the preparations for the DXpedition to Bouvet, 3Y0J. He emphasized the fact that a major excursion to a remote and dangerous part of the world involves an extreme amount of preparation. Adrian said, however, that the work is exciting as he sees the larger picture of his actually being able to operate from Bouvet.

Steve, N2AJ, mentioned that he gave a birthday party for Herb, K2JEF, a 96-year-old Ham. Herb is a WWII Veteran. He worked on and developed numerous ideas and patents in the field of electronics. A review of Herb's QRZ page can provide an insight into his work.

Some members then began to reminisce about former days when the Club had a telephone system to notify members when rare DX entities would appear. Sometimes phone calls occurred in the middle of the night. These were met with mixed reactions. Members agreed that it was fun to 'get the call' and to 'work a new one.'

John, W2GW, announced that the next LIDXA meeting will be held on ZOOM on January 18, 2022 at 8 PM. The meeting ended at 9:10 PM and was followed by a video on the topic of the 2001 DXpedition to Comoros, D68C. This video provided a very good description of the antenna setups, the computer software and the conditions for operating. The DXpedition finished with having made 168,731 QSOs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary