

Minutes of the EIDX meeting February 5, 2021

EIDX met via Zoom

Jim WØSR, President welcomed the 16 attendees.

David KØLUM, Secretary gave a brief recap of the October 9, 2020 meeting

Mike NA9Q was not present but his report was relayed by Jim WØSR. There was very little activity. No requests for funding were received.

The only expenditures were for web hosting, website registration, and a donation to Mercy for the meeting room. He reported that only 14 people have paid dues. We will need the money when funding requests start again. \$20/year. Send to Mike Nowack, 3208 US Route 67, Milan, IL 61264

Committees:

Nominations: Rich W3ACO needs two additional members for his committee

Programs: NOØB needs two additional members to help find the four programs needed each year. All members can help by providing ideas.

Contest: George NG7A is working on this. He commented that the sunspot situation has made low band propagation good. He also pointed out that people who only work a few hours during a contest are most welcome. Their contacts are worth as many points as the big guns. All are needed.

He suggested members check out the True Blue DXers Club. He also suggested that those who are not CW speed demons consider the weekly slow speed CW contests run weekly by the K1USN Radio Club
<<http://www.klusn.com/sst.html>> Speed is limited to 20 WPM maximum and if you can only do 11 WPM you are still welcome. Intent is to grow CW contesters.

DX Funding: Terry WØAWL will lead this with the assistance of Glenn WØGJ and Mike NA9Q. Swain Island is on hold. Last years postponed DXpedition to Sable Island hopes to go this October.

Rumor has it that a major DXpedition is in the works but cannot be announced yet. Perhaps by the April meeting.

DX Cluster: Tom WB8ZRL not present but cluster is working

Repeater: Steve NUØP and Jason NRØX were not there but repeater working 145.19 negative offset with 192.8 tone.

Website: Craig KØCF says it is in good shape. He continues to publish a DX report weekly on the reflector.

Audit committee: WB8ZRL will lead the required yearly audit.

Other Business: Rod KØDAS has retired from his ARRL Director position and had no lingering news.

Sam KØAFN can still supply custom EIDXА hats. Part of the proceeds go to EIDXА

As a final note Jim WØSR illustrated the havoc wrought by the August 10, 2020 derecho. This is considered the most costly thunderstorm disaster in US history. He lost 80- and 40-meter inverted vees and a 160 meter inverted L. It was not going to be an easy replacement task as three of the trees supporting these antennas were totally gone. His

80/40/30 vertical and tower with Step-IR still stood but would not load on any Ham band.

There are other stories out there of other towers no longer standing.

Jim WØSR closed the meeting at 8:15