

# Minutes of March 2021 GMDXA Meeting

The Zoom meeting, facilitated by Bill W9MXQ and Gary W9XT, was called to order by President N9AW at 1910.

Minutes of the February meeting and a current treasurers report were accepted without dissent.

## Committee Reports:

- Packet cluster: Bob W9XY reports only minor glitches; otherwise working great.
- GMDXA Web: Gary W9XT had nothing new to report.
- Card checking: Ron, N9AU had nothing new to report.
- DX Committee: One possibility surfaced for the Russian group now QRV from A25RU. Committee consensus was divided but a club vote was recommended. Noll W9RN motioned to donate \$200 to this expedition; Bill W9LR seconded the motion. The motion passed with but one dissenting vote.

## DX Reports:

- **KC9WPS**, Scott reported working 60 new band countries in the last month.
- **WE9R**, Lyle reported working the A25 on 30m.
- **N9XX**, Dan reported receiving an LOTW confirmation from a old QSO with C31CT.
- **NK9I**, Chuck reported that all antennas have now been repaired and the new FT-101MP is working great.
- **WB9TFH**,  
80 METERS  
E51WL S. COOK Island 80M FT8 2/23/2021 0512z , NBC  
HP3SS Panama 80M CW 2/21/2021 NBM  
\*\*QSL just CONFIRMED- LW6HAR Argentina 80M FT8 9/11/2020  
Tough going here on 80m DXCC  
  
20 METERS LY5A Lithuania CW 2/21/2021 1506z NBM  
15 ETTERS VK1FOC Australia 2/20/2021 2232z NBM  
Gil also reports that 8Q will be active 3/28-4/10 and KW6 will be active 3/26-4/1.

- **W9XT**, Gary worked A25RU on 40 FT8 for a new digital country.
- **N9AW**, Jerry reported working the A25 on 80, 40 and 30. He said the VK9 has been sparse. His current 160m total is at 96 worked. Jerry has been reviewing old log books looking for needed band countries.
- **W9RN**, Noll reported working the A25 on 80, 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 for new mode countries. He said the ops at A25RU were good and have been working lots of W/K stations.
- **K9GS**, Gary reported on his recent visit with N9BBQ. Gary is planning on a temporary vertical, in the near future, at his Florida QTH. Recent procurement of a 23ft Catamaran may, however, delay antenna projects.
- **N9ATD**, Dan reports working 3D2A Fiji Islands on 30M and 6K5YIA and DS1JFY Republic of Korean 20M.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Gary W9XT said that the recent practice of DX stations soliciting \$\$ before individual LOTW uploads were made may (TBD) be investigated by the ARRL for ethics violations.
- There was a rather lengthy discussion concerning ClubLog totals and what members need to do (upload a revised electronic log file) to repair same.
- Bob, W9XY reported that he plans to make his 3<sup>rd</sup> trip to Ethiopia on May 9. He and K4ZW plan more operating at the newly remodeled ET3AA station. Bob also sadly stated that the telecom authorities DENIED a new license application for a second university. Bob said that 5A0YL procured a new hard drive for her PC and may soon be back on the air once interface issues are resolved.
- There was a discussion concerning the merits of virtual hamfests. The consensus was that many of the programs were beneficial and one could always wait till the programs were posted on-line (following the event).

## Upcoming events

- CQWPX Phone contest 26-27 March
- Visalia virtual DX convention 15-16 May with registration (free) beginning 18 April.
- So Milwaukee Swapfest (in person) Saturday, July 10.
- W9DXCC, 10-11 September in Naperville. Check [W9DXCC.com](http://W9DXCC.com) for registration details.

It is unclear whether hospitality suites will be allowed. Bob, W9XY suggested that the GMDXA plan an alternate option.

18 members participated in the Zoom meeting.

The meeting formally adjourned at 2024.

The next Zoom meeting will be held Monday, April 26, 2021 at 1900.

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