

LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2024

The meeting was held via ZOOM which members continue to prefer. Our meetings in this format are informal and conversational.

All those who share our interest in the Amateur Radio specialty of DXing are invited. New members should contact a member if they would like to have the ZOOM link.

Present at the meeting were: John, W2GW, President of the LIDXA; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Bob, W2OSR; Art, N2KA; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Steve, KD2BS; Pat, KE2LJ, Internet Publisher of LIDXA Minutes; Steve, N2AJ; Richie, KB2ZPB; Adrian, KO8SCA; Chris, VK3FY; Jim, W2KFV, NLI SCM; Allen, N2KW.

The meeting was called to order by John, W2GW, President of the LIDXA, at 8 PM.

Jim, W2KFV, brought the members up-to-date on some happenings in the Hudson Division, the ARRL and upcoming local events. This year, the Hudson Division of the ARRL has a contested election for Division Director. Ed Wilson, N2XDD, the current Director is being challenged by John Crovelli, W2GD. Jim spoke briefly about the candidates and encouraged each ARRL member to vote.

Jim also spoke about the problems with LOTW that began with the hacker attack on ARRL earlier in the year. The damage was extensive to the system. However, no log data was lost. The problem now is that repairs are taking time to correct.

As to local events, Jim mentioned the LIMARC Hamfest which will be held on November 10th. Between 12 and 1 PM, Jim will speak along with Ed, N2XDD. Jim also mentioned that Ham Radio University is scheduled for January 4th, 2025 at C.W. Post.

Both Art, N2KA and Jack, NU2Q reported that they have not been very active on the air.

Richie, K2KNB, mentioned the LIMARC Hamfest. He also referred to LIMARC's last meeting which included an excellent presentation on the subject of AI. This talk is being repeated on LIMARC's YouTube channel.

Steve, N2AJ, said that he has not worked much DX since N5J. However, he did contact PX0FF many times. In fact, for a time, Steve was the Zone 5 leader. Steve showed his phone depicting the bands worked from Club Log's expedition charts. This indicated that Steve was only missing 2 slots.

Steve, KD2BS, also said that he worked PX0FF many times.

Pat, KE2LJ, said that his property was not damaged by the recent hurricanes.

John, W2GW, then turned the meeting over to Adrian, KO8SCA, for a presentation on the recent DXpedition to St. Paul Island, CY9C. Adrian joined this endeavor after finishing his participation with the Dxpediton team at N5J. He traveled to St. Paul from Jarvis Island via Samoa on a trip which took 40 hours.

Adrian described St. Paul as an island with a lighthouse. There was a smaller island separated by a channel. The Dxpediton set up on the smaller island. Both islands are uninhabited. The weather is either bad or very bad. It is cold and there are no trees, grass or vegetation.

The group set up six stations. Three for FT8 and the remaining three for CW or SSB. There was also a setup for EME and satellite operation. Flex Radios were used. Honda 2kw generators supplied power. Starlink provided communication.

Adrian said that this was his first time operating with Lou, N2TU.

During the first week, solar flare activity interfered with communication. The second week was good with great propagation and good pileups. The final tally was 114,876 QSOs. St. Paul Island is now number 71 down from 50 on the DXCC most wanted list.

John, W2GW, reminded the members that the next meeting will be on November 19th at 8 PM using the ZOOM format.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary