

South Florida DX Association
Meeting of 2011 January 5
28 people attended, including 4 guests.

Call to order: 1935 EST

Pledge of Allegiance: no flag in room, so no pledge.

Approval of previous minutes: read, corrected, moved N8PR, seconded N3EA

Treasurer's report: W4OV... Made contributions to QTH.COM, Spectrum Defense Fund, and Spratly DX group. Received the following at the January meeting, dues for 2011: \$60; DXpedition donations \$75; Dinner payments \$98; Total received \$233. Treasury is at \$2255.11.

Committee chair reports

- o HF Station (N8PR) – No change, [Ray and Ed working on the K4FK HF station.].
- o Repeater (KB2TZ) – All's well.
- o Membership (WB3ANE) – Nothing to report
- o Net controls (WW4DQ, W4EMM, KI4IQZ, N8PR) - nothing to report
- o Station trustee (W2ZR) - nothing to report
- o Historian / Archivist (WW4DQ) - nothing to report

Announcements: Kappy needs help with a rotator, Saturday 9 AM.

Old business - None

Vote counted and results announced, ELECTED were:

PRESIDENT: NZ5N - Bill Dzurilla

VICE PRESIDENT: W2CQ - Bill Marx

TREASURER: W4OV - Bruce Phegley

SECRETARY: KE4PT - Kai Siwiak

DIRECTORS:

W3AZD - Don Search

KG4VPC - Jim Settle

W4DTA - Steve Romagni

N4II - Ed Callaway (president emeritus – automatically elected as Director for one term)

New business:

- o N8PR suggested that meeting minutes be distributed to members before each meeting. Discussion ensued.

Motion by KE4PT: *"That the president direct the Secretary to distribute the meeting minutes to members via the SFDXA email reflector for review at least one week prior to the meeting."*

Seconded W4OV.

No objection, motion carries by unanimous consent, and the Secretary is so directed.

- o W4QN suggested that the north group repeater be linked via Echolink to the SFDXA repeater. Discussion ensued.

Program:

- o K4M Midway Atoll 2009 video

Adjourn: 2100 EST.

South Florida DX Association
Board Meeting of Tuesday, 2011 February 22
Venue: Olive Garden, 807 S University Drive, Plantation, FL 33324

* attending:

Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N, President
Bill Marx, W2CQ Vice President
Bruce Phegley, W4OV Treasurer
Kai Siwiak, KE4PT Secretary
Ed Callaway, N4II Board
Jim Settle, KG4VPC Board
Don Search, W3AZD Board
Hope Smith, WB3ANE [Guest]
Norm Alexander, W4QN [Guest]

Meeting called: 1930 EST

Agenda items:

- * K4FK trustee: Pete Rimmel, N8PR was appointed trustee of K4FK prior to this meeting.
- * Possible addition of VHF-UHF station at K4FK: discussion of V/UHF station ensued. The limited station usage was also discussed.
- * Revision of Articles of Incorporation: Revisions to Articles discussed, centered around removing specifics which rightfully belong in By-Laws. Bill D. to collect inputs from Board Members. Alternatives to mailed voting ballots discussed.
- * Web site management: Norm collecting member inputs for inclusion on K4FK web page. Membership response is sluggish. Discussed streamlining pages.
- * Posting of meeting minutes: Done.
- * Projects and programs for 2011: Ideas for attracting membership discussed; loss of Miami Hamfest and the DX Forum left a void; Club may be perceived as DX-honor Roll elitist which discourages potential members. Usefulness of various social media discussed: Facebook, Yahoo Groups, etc.

Adjourn: 2100 EST.

Mailing list:

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w3azd@bellsouth.net; bmarx@bellsouth.net; w4dta@arrl.net; eromagni@bellsouth.net;
w4qn@bellsouth.net

South Florida DX Association
Meeting of 2011 March 2
30 people attended, including 8 guests/visitors.

Call to order: 1933 EST
Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Program:
Bill Rafus, KD4FRB, "Working the Easy Sats", and Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N, "Working DX from Satellites".

Voting on Amendment to the Club Articles was held by secret written ballot: Ballot Passes.

Approval of previous minutes: (distributed by email), accepted.

Treasurer's report: W4OV, 21 paid dinners plus one Associate Member dues collected.

Committee chair reports

- o HF Station, no issues.
- o Repeater, no issues.
- o Station trustee is now Pete N8PR.

New business: club social event for SFDXA was suggested and discussed.

Adjourn: 2048 EST.



Meeting of 2011 May 4

37 people attended, including 14 guests/visitors.

Call to order: 1933 EDT

- Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- Previous minutes are available on the SFDXA Yahoo Groups folder.
- Treasurer's report: available on the SFDXA Yahoo Groups folder.
- K4FK repeater is on EchoLink, several DX operations were noted.
- Picnic scheduled for this Sunday May 8, Seminole Park Plantation FL.
- Lou Hodges, W9IL, introduced himself as a prospective member, and was voted in as SFDXA full member.
- The DX Hog Award was presented to Ed, N4II by the previous DX Hog: Ray, N4RU.

Program:

Guest speaker was Dave Morris, N9UF, the founder and webmaster of eQSL.cc, who presented "The Ins and Outs of eQSL.cc". The program was informative and well received.

Adjourn: 2109 EST.

Meeting minutes are posted at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SFDXA/>

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The next meeting is July 6th 2011.

Future meetings will be held on September 7th, and November 2nd -Annual Meeting.



Minutes SFDXA meeting, 6 July 2011 [\[revised\]](#)
Ed Callaway, Secretary pro tem recording.

Meeting was called to order by Bill, W2CQ, Chair pro tem, at 7:33.

Allegiance to the flag was pledged.

Self-introductions were made: 18 persons attended [including Steve's guest José Casteón, YV5ANT.](#)

Announcements were made:

- The [Republic of South Sudan](#) will shortly be a new DX entity.
- K4PG fell off of a tower recently and broke his back, ankle, foot, etc. Safety note to all.
- We are encouraged to use the repeater.
- The club's Echolink is working, and we are encouraged to use it, too.
- QCWA meeting is this Saturday (N8PR)

[Treasurer's Report: Ending balance \\$2407.12 \(plus \\$90 to be deposited: we had 10 dinners at \\$7.00 and one renewal, George Henning, WB4JFA, who paid \\$20\).](#)

HF report (N8PR): The station is working well; Logger32 is even connecting to Telnet sites.

Presentation on Dayton 2011 by Steve, W4DTA.

Chair notes that WD4R (Julio) will give the September presentation, on the National Hurricane Center, and AC4QV will give the November presentation, on antennas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17.

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The next meeting is September 7th.

Future meetings will be held on November 2nd - Annual Meeting.



Minutes of the SFDXA meeting, 7 September 2011

Meeting was called to order by Ed N4II, at 7:33.

Allegiance to the flag was pledged.

Self-introductions were made: **28** persons attended, including our guest speaker.

Tonight's program, presented by Julio, WD4R, was:

1. "Amateur Radio at the National Hurricane Center WX4NHC, who we are and what we do"
2. "Amateur Radio WX4NHC Haiti Earthquake mission, largest and longest international deployment of America Hams to provide emergency communications after a natural disaster"

Note that AC4QV is planning give a presentation on antennas during the November meeting.

Announcements:

- Bruce, W4OV, reported on future DXpeditions and asked for donations earmarked for the DXpedition fund.
- Steve, W4DTA will be moving out of the area.
- Ed, N4II, announced UA4WHX will be visiting the US in early October, will be available October 8th for a dinner/presentation. A suitable venue will be announced later.
- Pete, N8PR reported that echolink up and running; new si laptop in shack, but not yet fully functional; new Vertex radios were installed for the RF link.

Two new members were inducted into the club:

John, K2SHA,

Sebastian, W4AS.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59.

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The next meeting is November 2nd – Annual Meeting.

Future meeting will be held on January 4, 2012.



8 October 2011

Fourteen SFDXA club members and guests attended a dinner in Plantation Florida with renown DXer Vladimir Bykov, UA4WHX, and his wife Irina. The dinner was organized by Ed, N4II. The event began with SFDXA's first Volunteer Examination session, organized by Irwin, N4IEW, in which Irina handily earned her Technician Class license.



Irina with her newly earned Tech certificate and Vlad.

Following the fine dinner Vlad answered many questions about his travels and DXing activities. Vlad has accumulated more than 3 dozen amateur radio licenses from his many DX operations. His stories enlightened us on dealing with the various telecommunications ministries, sparring with all manner of local and national security forces, QSLing, and his top choice of radio equipment suited to his style of low profile DX operations.

73, Kai, KE4PT
Secretary, SFDXA



South Florida DX Association

Board Meeting of Tuesday, 7 PM, 2011 October 12

Venue: Azteca Restaurant, 8800 State Road 84, Davie, FL 33324: SW corner of I-595 and Pine Island Road.

Meeting commenced: 19:20 EDT

* attending:

Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N,	President
Bill Marx, W2CQ	Vice President
Kai Siwiak, KE4PT	Secretary
Ed Callaway, N4II	Board
Don Search, W3AZD	Board
Hope Smith, WB3ANE	[Guest]

Agenda items:

* Funding DXpeditions was discussed.

* Nominations: The following people have accepted nominations to the indicated positions:

Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N,	President
Bill Marx, W2CQ	Vice President
Ray Smolenski, N4RU	Treasurer
Kai Siwiak, KE4PT	Secretary
Ed Callaway, N4II	Board
Don Search, W3AZD	Board
Lou Hodges, W9IL	Board
[Al Maslin, to be verified]	Board

Further nominations will be solicited for all positions at the next general meeting.

Adjourn: 20:50 EDT.



Minutes SFDXA meeting, 2 November 2011

President Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N, called the meeting to order at 7:33.

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Self-introductions were made: **22** persons attended, including our guests and our speaker.

Program: Tower Safety, Coax & RF Fittings, Network Analyzers, by Mark Lavallee, AC4UV. Mark brought his extensive commercial radio experience to bear on tower safety, on network analyzers, SWR and return loss (a new way to think about forward and reflected power).

We held a vote by secret ballot resulting in the formal induction of two members:

John Sharp, K2SHA and Sebastian Acosta, W4AS. Welcome to the SFDXA!

This is the SFDXA annual meeting with nominations for club officer positions for 2012. The board has nominated the following individuals:

President - Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N
Vice President - Bill Marx, W2CQ
Secretary - Kai Siwiak, KE4PT
Treasurer - Ray Smolenski, N4RU
Director - Don Search, W3AZD
Director - Lou Hodges, W9IL
Director - Ed Callaway, N4II

Nominated from the floor: for Director – Norm Alexander, W4QN.

The Secretary will mail ballots to all voting members at their amateur license address. Please confirm that you are listed correctly as a member at: <http://www.qsl.net/k4fk/Members.htm> Only Full Members and DX Associate Members vote.

We briefly discussed funding of DXpeditions.

Announcements:

South Florida Ham Fest is in November 5, 2011 8AM to 1 PM at

South County Civic Center

16700 Jog Road

Delray Beach, FL 33446

See: <http://southfloridahamfest.org> Talk-In 145.29 PL 110.9

Meeting adjourned at 8:59.

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The next meeting is January 4, 2012 – Annual Meeting.

Future meeting will be held on March 7, 2012.