



Minutes SFDXA meeting, 4 January 2012.

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

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Self-introductions were made: **28** persons signed the attendance sheet, including 4 guests.

We counted ballots and elected the SFDXA officers for 2012. They are:

President -	Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N
Vice President -	Bill Marx, W2CQ
Secretary -	Kai Siwiak, KE4PT
Treasurer -	Ray Smolenski, N4RU
Director -	Lou Hodges, W9IL
Director -	Ed Callaway, N4II
Director -	Norm Alexander, W4QN

Announcements:

Repeater, Echolink, K4FK station all functioning normally

Last year's picnic was well attended.

Hamfest: Orlando coming up.

Fee Flea: Deerfield 6-10AM Jan 7.

Not many of us are checking into the SFDXA net – this can be a source for new members if we send a note new repeater check-ins to join our club.

Please confirm that you are listed correctly as a member at: <http://www.qsl.net/k4fk/Members.htm>

QCWA meeting on 14 January.

ARRL Diamond DXCC Challenge Award, is just getting underway this year.

Program: [Sebastian W4AS](#), our guest speaker at the January 4 meeting of the SFDXA, discussed software defined radios. Lot of interesting new developments with these little and inexpensive gadgets.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47.

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The next meeting will be March 7, 2012.

Future meeting will be held on June 6, 2012.



Minutes SFDXA Board meeting, 6 February 2012.

Venue: Dunkin Donuts, 9170 West State Road 84, Davie, FL 33324.

* Attending:

Bill Dzurilla	President	<billdz.geo@yahoo.com>
Bill Marx	Vice President	<bmarx@bellsouth.net>
Ray Smolenski	Treasurer	<n4ru@bellsouth.net>
Kai Siwiak	Secretary	<k.siwiaak@ieee.org>
Ed Callaway	Board Member	<ed@sunrisemicro.com>
Norm Alexander	Board Member	<npalex@bellsouth.net>

* Absent:

Lou Hodges	Board Member	<w9il@arrl.net>
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Meeting called: 1915 EST

Agenda items:

- * Equipment
 - K4FK equipment maintenance funding? Will be administered as needed.
 - Echolink needs new home, should try getting it going again. Repeater discipline needed. Needs a champion. **ACTION:** Norm to find out capabilities limitations of the Yaesu equipment, and will report to the club.
- * DXpedition support: proposed by Bill D., form a 3 person committee to handle all funding requests, looking for volunteers? **ACTION:** All DXpedition funding request to be considered at the October Board meeting.
- * Kai's request for an official membership list for generating a voting list. **ACTION (done):** Ray produced a current Excel sheet with current membership info. The Board members individually and collectively will respond to prospective member inquiries.
- * Discussed voting rights of various members. We will look into electronic voting.
- * Web page: Current home page is up to date. Norm looking for member and station profiles.
- * Ed to be reimbursed for expenses related to repair of AL-82 amp.

Adjourn: 2145 EST.



Minutes SFDXA meeting, 7 March 2012.

President Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N, called the meeting to order at 7:37.

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

We introduced ourselves: **28** persons signed the attendance sheet.

Announcements:

Repeater works fine,

K4FK station is functioning normally.

Hamfests and Meetings:

Palm Beach County Ham Radio Festival, 10 March 2012 , 8AM-2PM,
<www.PalmBeachRadioFest.com>

QCWA Everglades Chapter 69 meets this Saturday, 10 March, 12 noon at the CHINA BUFFET,
2091 N. University Dr., Sunrise.

The club presented the prestigious DX Hog Award to Elliott, KT2TZ.

Program:

Norm, W4QN, presented **Antenna Modeling-comparison of EZNEC & NECWIN+**, a live demo of two different software packages implementing the NEC2 moment method engine.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59.

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Future meeting will be held on September 6, 2012.



Minutes SFDXA meeting, 2 May 2012.

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

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

We introduced ourselves: **23** persons signed the attendance sheet.

Announcements:

Much interest in "Ham Radio Jeopardy" for September meeting.

Bill Marx: antenna party at KB2VO station was successful.

K4FK station: N4II report – Good news! Due to the efforts of FPL, the power line noise source to the northeast has been found and corrected. A Signalink-USB audio interface is now available for operating PSK31, JT65, RTTY and many other digital modes. Contact KE4PT for details and software. N4II and KE4PT installed a balun on the 30/40m band dipoles. 160/80m band dipoles are awaiting antenna wire which will be purchased at Dayton, next month, by N4TZH. The beam now points ~25 degrees counterclockwise from the indicated direction, so user beware!

N4TZH offered to truck 'large' purchases from Dayton Hamfest.

Dayton Hamfest: May 17- 18.

Program:

Virtual tour of ARRL HQ by David K4DLF. "ARRL Night" with membership incentives, handouts & door prizes (two Repeater Directories and a \$25 gift certificate). DX portion of ARRL Expo in Dayton will be larger this year. David presented ARRL virtual tour video.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48.

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Future meetings:

SFDXA July 11 - Dayton 2012 report. Don N4TZH and any others who go to Dayton this year will present photos and news from the world's biggest hamfest.

SFDXA September 5 - Jeopardy for hams. Teams will compete for prizes in a ham radio version of the popular TV game show.

SFDXA November 7 - Annual meeting, election of officers. Program TBA.



Minutes SFDXA meeting, 11 July 2012.

Vice President Bill Marx, W2CQ, called the meeting to order at 7:37.

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

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Announcements:

- Our President Bill Druzilla (NZ5N), operating as OM3BD, broke the AO-7 satellite distance record with a 7903.55 km QSO with ACORA. That distance is within a few kilometers of the maximum possible from that satellite.
- ARRL Field Day report: at least 12 SFDXA members honed their DXing skills by participating in various Field Day locations from Florida to San Francisco Bay, California.
- Wire for 160m / 80m dipole wire received from N4TZH.

Program:

Don, N4TZH, presented photos and news from Dayton 2012, the world's biggest hamfest.

Pete, N8PR, presented pictures and experiences of his visit to the ARRL and W1AW.

Other business:

Carlos Vega, N4THW, reported on the equipment that SFDXA donated to the repeater in Iraq.

Ed, N4II, questioned if anyone knew of a Club that earned DXCC Honor Roll?

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Future meetings:

SFDXA September 5 – “Jeopardy for hams”. Teams will compete for prizes in a ham radio version of the popular TV game show.

SFDXA November 7 - Annual meeting, election of officers. Program TBA.



Minutes SFDXA meeting, 5 September 2012.

President Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N, called the meeting to order at 7:37.

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Announcements:

- Voyager 1: The longest DX in the known universe, 35th anniversary of launching, is 18 billion km from earth (16.14 light hours). A 6 exchange JT65 QSO would take over 4 days.
- 'Terra Nulius': Bir Tawil, between Sudan and Egypt is a piece of land that no one claims!
- Miguel, KJ4YVN, President of Dade Radio Club announced the 2013 Maimi Ham Fest; N8PR volunteered that SFDXA to do QSL check, DX Forum, and DX Dinner.

Program:

Bill, NZ5N, emceed "Jeopardy for hams". Teams competed for prizes in a ham radio version of the popular TV game show. All categories directly related to DX and ham radio. The outcome was in doubt until Final Jeopardy. All 3 teams responded incorrectly to the Final Jeopardy answer, so the winner was decided on the basis of final wagers. The winning team (Pete, Sebastian, Neil and Alan) received a \$10 pre-paid VISA card from Andre, N1AJV, and Jane Freilich - State Farm Insurance.

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SFDXA January 2013



Minutes SFDXA Board of Directors' meeting, 9 September 2012.

Venue: Dunkin Donuts, 9170 West State Road 84, Davie, FL 33324.

Bill, NZ5N, called the meeting to order at 3:45.

Attendees included:

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

- * 2013 Miami Hamfest participation discussed. We agreed *in principle* to support the Miami Ham Fest ... seeking volunteers ... <http://www.miamihamfest.net/show/swap-and-tailgate/>
- * Funding DXpeditions:
\$100 donation authorized to ZL9HR team Nov. 28 - Dec. 9, 2012 DXpedition to Campbell Island.
- * QSL.net contribution (already sent)
- * Antenna switch (6 position) for K4FK; existing switch sometimes intermittent.
- * Echo Link reinstatement discussed
- * We discussed electronic voting
- * We discussed the Hogg award as an appreciation award. Norm and Lou to look into an alternate award.
- * We discussed naming a Public Information Officer
- * New club computer donated by Lou, W9IL, to be finalized soon
- * 2013 Officers Nominations: seeking nominations.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING SFDXA November 7 - Annual meeting, election of officers.



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Announcements:

- Pete, N8PR earned DXCC Challenge award at the 2500 level.
- Free Flea this Saturday.
- QCWA Chapter 69 meeting this Saturday.
- Status of 160m/80m dipoles: 160m dipole is resonant at 1820 kHz and VSWR is <2:1 between 1800 and 1860 kHz; 80m dipole is resonant at 3570 kHz but VSWR=2.2:1.
- Status of 40m/30m dipoles: both operational with good match.
- Power meter: meter movement is open! Directional coupler and rest of circuitry are ok.

Election of Officers for 2013, unopposed:

President – Bill Marx, W2CQ
Vice President – Sebastian Acosta, W4AS
Secretary – Kai Siwiak, KE4PT
Treasurer – Ray Smolenski, N4RU
Director* – Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N
* Director, former President

Vote for 3 of the 4 below:

Director – Lou Hodges, W9IL
Director – Ed Callaway, N4II
Director – Norm Alexander, W4QN
Director – Don Search, WA3AZD,
nominated from the floor

We discussed electronic voting for officers.

Program:

Video presentation of Seven "DXpeditions of the Year" between 1993 and 2007: AH1A, XROY, FO0AAA, A52A, 3YØX and 3X5A. These video excerpts tell compelling stories of fear, frustration and sheer joy as DX traveler Bob Allphin, K4UEE, recounts the highs and lows of his most heralded trips.

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Future meetings:

SFDXA January 2013
SFDXA March 2013