



### **SFDXA January 4, 2017 meeting report.**

Pete Rimmel, N8PR, President *pro tem*, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

We pledged allegiance to the Flag. We introduced ourselves; **32** of us were in attendance.

### **Nominations from the Board of Directors for SFDXA Officers:**

President	Pete Rimmel, N8PR	Director	Ed Callaway, N4II
Vice President	Bill Marx, W2CQ	Director	Lou Hodges, W9IL
Secretary	Kai Siwiak, KE4PT	Director	Al Maslin, N3EA
Treasurer	Ray Smolenski, N4RU	Director	Don Drennon, N4TZH

Hearing no nominations from the floor, and hearing no objections, the new Officers and Directors are elected by unanimous consent.

### **Reports:**

- Vice President – Bill W2CQ (absent).
- Secretary – Kai, KE4PT, meeting records 2011 to present, and all presentations are available at [www.sfdxa.com](http://www.sfdxa.com). Does anyone have copies of old SFDXA minutes and records? Report accepted.
- Treasurer – Ray, N4RU, SFDXA bank balance is \$3,523.26 as of Nov 30, 2016. We received a “thank you” email for our donation and continued support of NCDXF (email appended). The SFDXA also additionally contributed \$50 to NCDXF this January 2017. Report accepted.
- President – Pete, N8PR,
  - How many present have 2 meter capability? Most hands were raised. We need to have more activity on the repeater. Please make DX reports on the repeater.
  - Our presenter is Dave Morris, N5UP, founder of the eQSL system and awards.
  - Tower party Saturday 9 AM at Neil, KC4VU (SK) home.
  - Secretary was asked to write a letter of appreciation to Ed Dauer, WB4HNM, for his continuing support of the Club.
- Comments from BoD members:
  - Ed N4II: announcement, regarding low band propagation, developing Time of Flight Unit (TOFU) for propagation experiment – needs a software microcomputer programmer for the project.
  - Lou, W9IL: absent.
  - Al, N3EA: no comments.
  - Don, N4TZH: absent.
  - Mark H, K2AU: Tropical Hamborie report. Also new member Rich, WB4EHG,- was elected to Full Member.

### **Old Business:**

- None.

### **New Business:**

- Tropical Hamboree – Will be at War Memorial Auditorium, FLL, Feb 2-4, 2017.
  - SFDXA looking for prize donations.
  - Setup help needed on Thursday, Feb 2.
  - Feb 3, Friday, 12 noon – 6 PM.
  - Feb 4, Saturday, 9 AM – 6 PM.
  - DX Forum: 1 PM Saturday; Mark, WC3W, Cuba Operation.
  - DX Dinner: several were interested, searching for a venue.



- Rich, W4RQ, announced his article co-authored by Kai, KE4PT,, "Does Your Antenna Need a Choke or Balun?" will be printed in March 2017 QST.
- Adjourned at 19:59.

**Presentation:**

Dave Morris, N5UP, founder of eQSL explained the eQSL system of QSLing and Awards. See [www.eqsl.cc](http://www.eqsl.cc) for details.

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**Mar 1, 2017**

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Dear South Florida DX Association,

Thank you for your continued support of NCDXF! Please accept our sincere appreciation for your contribution in December. With the arrival of 2017, NCDXF begins our 45th year. We are very proud of its longevity and the support we have given hundreds of DX activities over the years.

Between April 2015 and April 2016, NCDXF funded over \$155,000 in DXpedition grants in support of several DXpeditions. A few of these included:

TX3X - Chesterfield Is.  
K5P - Palmyra Is.  
VP8STI - South Sandwich Is.  
VP8SGI - South Georgia Is.  
VK0EK - Heard Is.  
FT4JA - Juan de Nova  
EP3A - Iran

During this same time period, those supported DXpeditions helped put over 425,000 QSOs in the log!

While proud of our accomplishments, we know that the grants given to major DXpeditions and DX related operations could only happen with the support that you and many others have provided. The contributor database has now been updated with your latest contribution.

Best DX and Vy 73,

Doug, WW6D  
Admin Services, NCDXF



## **SFDXA February 3-4, 2017 50th Anniversary Tropical Hamboree Report**

Venue: War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

### **The President's, Report:**

Pete, N8PR, thanks all who helped make the Tropical Hamboree a success for the SFDXA booth. He notes the we would not have had as much fun if you all had not pitched in to help. Sorry to those who did not come, you missed a lot of fun and an excellent presentation [at the SFDXA DX Form] by Mark WC3W who talked about his DXpedition and contest operating from Cuba.

Also those who did not come, you missed some good deals and a lot of smiling faces. I hope you will come to the next one.

### **Vice President's Report:**

Bill Marx, W2CQ, thanks to those who volunteer every year to help the club, Don W3AZD, Hope WB3ANE, and Mark K2AU. Thanks to the others that backed up those coming on Thursday to set up and those that hung out at the tables to assist.

There was a great turnout for the DX Forum and excellent and interesting presentation by Mark, WC3W, on the T42US combined American-Cuban operation.

Good success for the SFDXA. Lots of members and prospective members stopped by, and enjoyed talking about DX and wandering around. Our long line of tables included the QCWA and Davie Copper City Amateur Radio Club. Don W3AZD handled the ARRL QSL card checking.

I won 2nd prize for the Hamboree, a JetStream tiny 145/440 MHz radio, not 15 minutes after I bought a similar radio. Isn't that always the way so now I have a VHF rig for sale.

The Hamboree organizers said it worked out well, and they are in the black. The War Memorial is reserved for next year February 2 and 3, 2018. We look forward to a larger attendance next year.

After the close Saturday about 15 or so members and friends met for dinner at Ernie's BBQ on US1 in Ft. Lauderdale.

See you at our SFDXA March 1 meeting. Some surprise presentations in store and an exciting announcement about a Future meeting,

Also thanks to Gil, W1RG for manning the table, and programming my radio, to Ed Dauer WB4HNM for attending, thanks also to Ed and Kai for assisting, and Dan, K1TO. Special thanks to Norm, W4QN, for making sure presenter Mark, WC3W, got there on time. Sorry for those I missed it. Another shot at it next year.



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Future SFDXA meeting:

**Mar 1, 2017**

**May 10, 2017**

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Kai, KE4PT,

SFDXA Secretary



### **SFDXA March 1, 2017 meeting report.**

President Pete Rimmel, N8PR, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

We pledged allegiance to the Flag. We introduced ourselves; 25 of us were in attendance.

### **Reports:**

- Vice President – Bill W2CQ:
  - The “DX-count, last Ham standing”... many members have high DXCC scores.
  - Hog Award Ceremony —awarded to **John, K2SHA**.
- Secretary – Kai, KE4PT;
  - meeting records 2011 to present, including the 2017 Hamboree report, and all presentations are available at [www.sfdxa.com](http://www.sfdxa.com).
  - Please verify your SFDXA member listing on the members web page. Clicking on your call sign should bring up your [qrz.com](http://qrz.com) brag page, clicking on your email address should open an email window.
  - DXers, our primary record of SFDXA member DX statistics is the SFDXA Club League in ClubLog. Please upload your logs to ClubLog. Unless you upload at least once in 12 months, ClubLog will drop you from the SFDXA Club League listing. We are down to 22 ClubLog SFDXA participants out of more than 50 SFDXA members.
- Treasurer – Ray, N4RU,
  - SFDXA bank balance as of 31 Jan 2017: \$3,878.01.
  - We’ve received 10 new DXCC QSL cards for the club
- President – Pete, N8PR,
  - Comments on upcoming election and are you willing to serve?
  - Our speaker is Al Flapan, KN4FA, who will explain the ARRL OO System.
- Comments from BoD members:
  - Ed N4II: No report.
  - Lou, W9IL; Suggested a mini-contest fro the SFDXA members.
  - Al, N3EA: no report.
  - Don, N4TZH: (absent).
  - Mark H, K2AU: new member applicant Dan Kutny, W4DRK, [dan@kutny.com](mailto:dan@kutny.com).
- Reports accepted.

### **Old Business:**

- Committee Reports:
  - Public Information Officer – Mark K2AU
  - Membership – Mark K2AU
  - SFDXA Awards – Bill W2CQ: Hog award ceremony
  - Programs – Ed N4II? Bill, W3CQ??
  - Technical + Repeater – Elliott KB2TZ: Noise reported to Elliott on repeater input; Pete N8PR; Bill W2CQ
  - Web page – Sebastian W4AS; added a “pictures” function for the web page, [sfdxa.com/activities/photos.html](http://sfdxa.com/activities/photos.html). This is just a start. If you find any that shouldn’t be displayed, please let him know. They are currently stored in Flickr, which is owned by Yahoo. Sebastian can add anyone as an administrator to make changes, just let him know; you don’t need to have a Flickr account.
  - At previous meeting Pete asked how many had 2-meter band radios, and requested members get on the air with DX call-ins. It did not happen. Why not? Discussion: how to raise activity in the club and on the air and on the repeater.



**New Business:**

- **Club activit**
- Tropical Hamboree report: 16 SFDXA members signed in at the Hamboree.
- DX Forum at 1 PM Saturday featured Mark Wohlschlegel, WC3W, who presented his Cuba Operation to a packed house.
- DX Dinner at Ernie's Rooftop Restaurant, a.k.a. "Dirty Ernie's".

**Presentation:**

Al Flapan, KN4FA, presented, "The Amateur Auxiliary of the FCC and the ARRL OO Program", explaining what the OO program is about and what it does.

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Future SFDXA meeting:

**May 10, 2017 — Special Meeting at Ed Dauer Car Museum**

**July 5, 2017**

**September 6, 2017**

**November 1, 2017**

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Kai, KE4PT,  
SFDXA Secretary

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### SFDXA Mar 29, 2017 Board of Directors meeting report.

**VENUE:** Lester's Diner, 4701 Coconut Creek Parkway, Margate, FL 33063  
President Pete Rimmel, N8PR, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

#### Board of Directors:

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|------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| • President      | Pete Rimmel, N8PR   | • Director | Ed Callaway, N4II           |
| • Vice President | Bill Marx, W2CQ     | • Director | Lou Hodges, W9IL            |
| • Secretary      | Kai Siwiak, KE4PT   | • Director | Al Maslin, N3EA             |
| • Treasurer      | Ray Smolenski, N4RU | • Director | Don Drennon, N4TZH [absent] |

#### Agenda

- Proposed: to change the method of voting for new full members to a verbal vote, as per the SFDXA Articles.— Approved unanimously by the BOD.
- Discussion on membership classes. Bill Marx noted that he was the architect of the "Member Emeritus" honor, so named by Tom Mannix, WA4YLD (SK). It was an Award, not to be a new membership class, voted on by the 2007 BOD. However it also suspended the membership dues for the honorees in perpetuity, contrary to the Articles and the By-laws.
  - In 2010 Nov 3, the BOD introduced the "Hall of Fame" in an effort to resolve the issue of membership class and "Member Emeritus" honorees were folded into the Hall of Fame, but left the non-payment of Full Member dues unresolved.
  - Spirited discussion followed on whether dues can suspended for Awardees and Honorees, with or without altering the Articles and/or the By-laws.
  - Motion by Bill Marx: To present to The SFDXA membership that "**Member Emeritus and Hall of Fame honorees to be made Full, but non dues-paying, Members**".— Motion passed by a majority of the BOD.
  - The BOD members fully realize that in taking this action, and presenting the quoted text to the SFDXA membership, the BOD will be asking The SFDXA full members to begin the process of re-drafting the By-laws and possibly also The SFDXA Articles of Incorporation to accommodate a "Full Membership / non-dues paying" class.
- BOD members proposed soliciting meeting presentations from Jim Talent, N3JT; John Silva, N3AM; Carlos DaSilva, N4IS; Ed Callaway, N4II; Dan Street, K1TO; and others as needed. President Pete, N8PR to follow up.
- Pete, N8PR, solicited proposals for getting more SFDXA members involved in club activities.
  - Club Picnic?
  - Combine activities with other clubs? Pete, N8PR to bring that up at the next DCARC meeting.
  - Ed, N4II, suggested meeting jointly with the Boca Club at their station location.
  - Mini-contest weekend? Work prefixes that spell out a chosen phrase.
- Discussion about the Florida Repeater Council: BOD approved Pete, N8PR, to pursue alternatives to the Florida Repeater Council.

#### Meeting Adjourned

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**SFDXA May 10, 2017 meeting report.**

**SPECIAL VENUE:** Ed Dauer Classic Cars Museum, Sunrise Florida.

54 SFDXA members and guests met at the Dauer Classic Cars Museum. Drs. Joanne and Ed, WB4HNM, greeted and welcomed us. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and beverages provided by the Dauers.

Left image: John, K2SHA, receiving the SFDXA Hog Award for 2016 from Pete, N8PR.

Center image: Kai, KE4PT, and Rich, W4RQ, receiving the ARRL QST Cover Plaque Award from Jeff Beals, WA4AW.

Right image: Dr. Ed, WB4HNM, and Dr. Joanne Dauer.



[Bill Marx, W2CQ, photo]



[Ann Siwiak, KE4IEV, photo]



[Facebook.com image]

The guests enjoyed Ed's guided tour of fully restored classic cars, re-built gas station, toys and other memorabilia, as well as a fully functioning color television studio, and an old fully functioning electron microscope dating to Ed's tenure at the University of Miami. Ed described the history behind many of the rare automobiles.

Treasurer's report: bank balance as of 4-28-17: \$4,013.04.

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Future SFDXA meeting:

**July 12, 2017**

**Sept 6, 2017**

**Nov 1, 2017**

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### **SFDXA July 12, 2017 meeting report.**

President Pete Rimmel, N8PR, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

We pledged allegiance to the Flag. We introduced ourselves; 21 of us were in attendance.

### **REPORTS:**

Vice President – Bill W2CQ (absent)

Secretary – Kai, KE4PT, confirm your info on the SFDXA the web member page.

Treasurer - Ray, N4RU, there is \$3938.49 as of 6/30/2017.

President – Pete, N8PR, report:

1. Comments on upcoming election and are you willing to serve?
2. Thanks to Ed Dauer for his generosity in hosting the SFDXA at his Museum. (Letter from Club sent)
3. Florida Repeater Council info
4. I appointed Kai, KE4PT, as head of a By-law Committee. He is tasked with addressing (1) "Member Emeritus and Hall of Fame honorees to be made Full, but non dues-paying, Members", (2) Change the method of voting for new full members to a verbal vote, as per the SFDXA Articles.(3) Change the annual elections to methods other than USPS mail.
5. Bouvet challenge PROJECT (as per By-law Clause K-6) and comments on how the President and BoD can spend up to \$250/quarter each on a Club Project. Prior approval from members is not required.

### **BOD members comments**

Ed, N4II, no report.

Lou, W9IL, no report.

Al, N3EA, no report.

Don, N4TZH, (absent).

### **Committee Reports:**

Public Information Officer – Mark K2AU, no report.

Membership – Mark, K2AU – new member in process, Bob Hatter, W4MEA, new Associate member.

Al, N3EA, reports the CW Ops will present a program for us.

SFDXA Awards – Bill, W2CQ (absent).

Programs – July: Tamitha Skov; Sept.: Bouvet Video; Nov. ??? Nominations

Repeater: we need more club activity.

By-law Committee – Kai KE4PT

### **Old Business:**

Last meeting Pete asked how many had 2 meter radios and requested you get on the air with DX call-ins. It did not happen... Why not? Discussion about how to raise activity in the club and on the air and on the repeater.

### **New Business:**

Motion by Kai proposes that the President spend up to \$250 on a matching funds project in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to help the efforts in Bouvet Matching Funds Project; furthermore, proposes that the BoD consider allocating \$250 for the same Bouvet Matching Funds Project. Motion seconded by Rich Quick, W4QR, motion passed by show of hands of all members present.

**Info: "SFDXA Bouvet Matching Fund Project" is proposed under Clause K-6 of the By Laws.**

**Adjourned: 19:55.**



**Program**

Dr Tamitha Skov interview by Tim K3LR + A video from the 2017 Dayton DX University.

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**Nov 1, 2017**

**Jan 3, 2018**

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**Subject:**Re: Tnx SFDXA!  
**Date:**Fri, 28 Jul 2017 08:51:26 -0400  
**From:**Kai <ke4pt@amsat.org>  
**Reply-To:**ke4pt@amsat.org  
**Organization:**AMSAT  
**To:**Gary Hinson <Gary@isect.com>, n8pr@arrl.net

Dear Gary,  
Congratulations once again!  
Very best regards,  
Kai Siwiak, KE4PT  
Secretary SFDXA

On 7/27/2017 17:49, Gary Hinson wrote:

Hi Peter.

Many thanks for the club's sponsorship of the CQ DX Marathon plaque for Oceania. It arrived a week or so ago but I've been waiting for a nice sunny day to get some pictures. It's mid-Winter down here, of course. The very tame deer in that photo is an orphan we raised from not long after she was born. There are more deer living wild in the forest around us.

I really enjoy the Marathon challenge, winning the Oceania section 4 times now since 2012. I work from home as a tech author so I have ample opportunity to keep an eye on the cluster and an ear on the bands while I work. We are a long way from everywhere, though, so virtually all my QSOs are DX, although the ZL prefix is worth a couple of dBs.

Hey, congrats on your 11 band DXCC, Peter. Amazing! I have DXCC on 80 through 10m so far, with 328 current countries since we emigrated from the UK in 2005. I plan to get going on 160m soon. We have a line of big old Macrocarpa pine trees across the track from our house that would make good sky-hooks for a topband wire antenna, except the forestry management people are planning to cut them down soon. I'll try to negotiate with them to leave me maybe 2 or 3 strong, tall trees strategically placed.

Thanks again for your generosity. The plaques are really impressive, top quality, and all four will soon be on the shack/office wall directly in my line of sight, spurring me on in this year's Marathon.

73

Gary ZL2iFB [www.G4iFB.com](http://www.G4iFB.com)

PS If any of your members come to ZL, please invite them to email me. We're a small but friendly bunch of hams down here and enjoy meeting or hosting DX visitors.





**SFDXA Sep 6, 2017 meeting report.**

Meeting was cancelled because of approaching Hurricane Irma.

**REPORTS:**

**(Written) Treasurer's report:**

Treasurer Ray, N4RU: SFDXA checking balance was \$3,925.32 as of July 31, 2017

**(Written) Committee Report:**

By-law Committee – Kai, KE4PT; Ed Callaway, N4II; Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N: Addressed (1) "Member Emeritus and Hall of Fame honorees to be made Full, but non dues-paying, Members", (2) Change the method of voting for new full members to a verbal vote, as per the SFDXA Articles.(3) Change the annual elections to methods other than USPS mail. The proposed By-Laws changes will be posted, along with the current By-Laws and Articles on the Secretary's Minutes page at **SFDXA.com**.

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Report of the By-Laws Committee follows.



## Report by the By-Laws Committee

### L. COMMITTEES

3. In addition, the Board may form or disband the following temporary committees if and when needed:
  - a. By-Laws Committee

**Changes are highlighted in yellow:**

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### D. SOUTH FLORIDA DX ASSN. MEMBERSHIP MATRIX SUMMARY

Member Class	Sponsor and Induction Election Required	Pre-Induction Meeting Attendance Requirement	ARRL Membership Required	Member Initiation Fee (one- time)	Dues per Calendar Year	Calendar Year Meeting Attendance Required
Full	Yes	2	Yes	\$7.00	\$20.00(#)	2 per year(#)
DX-Associate	No	1	Yes	\$7.00	\$20.00	2 per year
Associate	No	None	Yes	None	\$10.00	None
Honorary	No	None	No	None	None	None

(#) Members Emeritus and Hall of Fame Full Member honorees shall be exempt from paying annual dues, and from the meeting attendance requirement.

### E. REQUIREMENTS FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

4. FULL Membership Maintenance Requirements
  - a. Each FULL member shall attend a minimum of two regularly scheduled meetings during each calendar year. Members Emeritus and Hall of Fame Full Member honorees shall be exempt from this attendance requirement.

### M. DUES

1. An initiation fee shall be \$7.00 shall be paid by all FULL and DX ASSOCIATE Members. Annual calendar year dues of \$20.00 will be paid by each FULL and DX ASSOCIATE member. Annual calendar year dues of \$10.00 will be paid by each ASSOCIATE member. All dues for membership renewal shall be payable no later than December 31 of each year preceding the renewal. Those FULL members remaining unpaid after January 31 for the year due will be ineligible to vote until fully paid-up. If renewal dues are not paid to the Treasurer by February 28 for the year due, delinquent members shall be automatically dropped from the Association membership roster. Members paying between January 1-st and February 28-th of the year due will be subject to a late fee of \$5.00 in addition to the respective annual dues. Members Emeritus and Hall of Fame Full Member honorees shall be exempt from paying annual dues.



**J. VOTING**

- 3. All voting for Officers and Directors, amendments to Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws, motions for removal from office, or motions for termination, shall be by secret ballot either mailed by the SFDXA Secretary to all of the FULL members or, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, voting may be conducted by any other fair and appropriate means in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation.
- 4. The By-laws may be amended by at least a two-thirds majority vote of all the FULL members. The Secretary shall advise the entire voting membership of such pending action by ballot, to be completed and returned to the SFDXA Secretary in accordance with Clause J-3.

**K. OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

- 3. Nominations for Officers and Directors for the following year will be accepted from the regular members and the Nominations Committee at the last general meeting of each calendar year. In accordance with Clause J-4, election ballots will be provided by the Election Committee to all FULL members following the last general meeting of the year for return prior to the first general meeting of the new year.

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### **SFDXA Oct 18, 2017 Board of Directors meeting report.**

Venue: Falcon Pub

President Pete Rimmel, N8PR, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

#### **BOD members:**

President – Pete, N8PR

Vice President – Bill W2CQ

Secretary – Kai, KE4PT

Treasurer – Ray, N4RU

Director – Ed, N4II

Director – Al, N3EA

Director – Lou, W9IL [absent]

Director – Don, N4TZH [absent]

#### **Discussed hurricane damage to K4FK station.**

VHF antenna is here – Elliot, KB2TZ, will install for \$1000 total cost.

Randy, N4QV, to repair Icom IC756 PRO-III.

K4FK tower work:

Vant, K4LM, has EHS (guys), clamps and thimbles for guy wires.

Pete, N8PR, has 2 sections Rohn 25 from Tom, N4MEO, for \$100.

Pete, N8PR, to purchase new TH11 on behalf of the Club.

Need wires for 40 m / 30 m dipole.

Must check coax drops (roof to shack) and dipoles for 160 m and 80 m; the match in the shack is poor.

New Waller flag from Carlos, N4IS, is built, needs 6 m element; \$1500 from insurance to cover this.

#### **Work items:**

Get replacement Rohn sections and new VHF antenna up to roof, and take the old pieces down.

Tar-in the tower base to the roof – to be determined later - Bill W2CQ to coordinate with hospital.

#### **By-laws changes:**

The By-laws committee (Kai, KE4PT; Ed, N4II; Bill, NZ5N) tasked with further changes to the Bylaws.

Clause A4 to be re-written with no mention of dollar amount. Suggested and BoD approved draft phrase of BoD intention, "a legitimate function (of the Club) is to support DXpeditions."

Clause K6 intent to be clarified, focused on priority / emergency projects. BoD approved this intent with suggested draft preface to K6, "Respecting that projects of a priority nature might arise ...".

#### **Candidates for 2018 Officers and Board:**

President – Pete, N8PR

Vice President – Bill W2CQ

Secretary – Kai, KE4PT

Treasurer – Ray, N4RU

Directors – several candidates were identified; Pete, N8PR, to verify eligibility and then to contact the candidates and discuss their willingness to serve as *active* members of the BoD.

#### **Programs for 2018 meetings:**

Help to be solicited from among the Directors to champion/organize a meeting agenda and organize a meeting presentation.



**Old Business:**

The President's "SFDXA Bouvet Matching Fund Project" proposed under the current Clause K6 of the By Laws is to proceed, noting that such a project will no longer be possible if the revisions to the By-laws are successful.

Meeting Adjourned.

**Future meetings of The SFDXA:**

**Nov 1, 2017**

**Jan 3, 2018**

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**From:** w0bv@att.net  
**Sent:** Friday, November 10, 2017 11:48 AM  
**To:** n8pr@arrl.net  
**Subject:** Many Thanks From the Bouvet DXpedition Team

Dear Pete,

On behalf of the Bouvet Island DXpedition-2018, thank you VERY MUCH for your kind contribution of \$1,040 USD on behalf of The South Florida DX Association.

Please accept this small gift (download the attachment) to recognize your important and generous contribution toward the Bouvet DXpedition-2018 expenses. As you probably know, this is likely the most expensive DXpedition ever attempted.

It is dedicated and generous DXers like you and your club members that make DXpeditions such as this possible, and we are pleased that SFDXA is now one of our important supporters.

One of the goals of the Bouvet Island DXpedition-2018 is to provide at least one QSO to every DXer who needs this #2 ranked DXCC entity for an all-time new one (ATNO). Also, we want to provide as many band/mode contacts needed by DXers as we possibly can. We believe we have the plan, the team and the equipment to make this happen!

Your contribution will help make all this a reality for not only our team of DXpeditioners, but for DXers, worldwide...THANK YOU!

See you in the pileups!

For the team,  
Ralph Fedor - KØ1R  
Bob Allphin - K4UEE  
Erling Wiig - LA6VM



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