



Minutes SFDXA meeting, January 9th 2013.

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

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

We introduced ourselves, and **28** of us (including guests) signed the attendance sheet.

Announcements:

- Miami Hamfest: coming up, noon-8PM Friday Feb 1 and 8AM-4PM Saturday Feb 2, need volunteers for the SFDXA table, contact n4tzh@arrl.net ...
- QST Hints and Kinks, Feb, text messaging to phone.
- Bill, NZ5N: reported on the many ham related aps now available for Android phones.

Officers for 2013:

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| President – | Bill Marx, W2CQ | |
| Vice President – | Sebastian Acosta, W4AS | Director – Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N |
| Secretary – | Kai Siwiak, KE4PT | Director – Lou Hodges, W9IL |
| Treasurer – | Ray Smolenski, N4RU | Director – Ed Callaway, N4II |

There will be a runoff election for the fourth Director, between Norm Alexander, W4QN, and Don Search, WA3AZD.

Program:

Kai Siwiak, KE4PT, presented a simple unified approach to all of the digital modes, including digital modes that DXers and DXpeditions are adopting, in "Easy Digi Easy RTTY".

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

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Future meetings 2013:

March 6th
May 1st
July 10th
September 4th
November 6th



Minutes SFDXA meeting, March 6th 2013.

We met in the Hospital Library.

President Bill Marx, W2CQ, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

We introduced ourselves, and **23** of us (including guests) signed the attendance sheet.

Announcements and Reports:

- Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N, won the SFDXA 2013 DX Hog Award.
- Don, N4TZH, gave a brief update on the Miami Hamboree.
- Bill, W2CQ, reported that 36 people attended the SFDXA DX Forum, about 20 prospective SFDXA members signed up.

Officers for 2013 officially begin their terms in office with this meeting:

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Program:

Mike Raskin, W4UM, one of the original members of the SFDXA, presented all you need to know to work your first CQ DX Marathon, *"Running Your First CQ DX"*.

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Future meetings 2013:

May 1st
July 10th
September 4th
November 6th



Minutes SFDXA meeting, May 1st 2013.

President Bill Marx, W2CQ, called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

We introduced ourselves, and **23** of us (including guests) signed the attendance sheet.

Program:

Don, N4TZH showed a taped interview from Orlando with our own Pete, N8PR about operating EME.

Mickey Baker, N4MB, presented "Antenna Support Structures" about putting up a tower and antennas in South Florida. Mickey has extensive experience in this area, and has agreed to share his tricks of the trade, and his experiences.

Announcements and Reports:

- Kai, KE4PT solicited inputs for FCC RF exposure comments to be taken to ARRL RFSC.
- We voted Mickey Baker, N4MB, in as full member.
- Tom, N4MEO joined SFDXA as an Associate member.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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Future meetings 2013:

July 10th

September 4th

November 6th

January 8th, 2014



Minutes SFDXA Board of Directors' meeting, 9 May 2013.

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

Bill, W2CQ, called the meeting to order at 7:15.

Board members attending:

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| President - | Bill Marx, W2CQ |
| Secretary - | Kai Siwiak, KE4PT |
| Treasurer - | Ray Smolenski, N4RU |
| Director - | Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N |

Not attending:

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| Director - | Ed Callaway, N4II |
| Vice President - | Sebastian Acosta, W4AS |
| Director - | Lou Hodges, W9IL |
| Director - | Don Search, W3AZD |

Agenda Items:

- * Bill M suggested that we donate something to the Dade Radio Club. They did not charge us for our tables at the Hamboree. The Board discussed and suggested that \$100 would be appropriate.
- * We discussed purchasing web URLs sfdxa.com, sfdx.com, floridadx.com at a cost of \$60. The Board were interested in sfdxa.com, Bill M to follow up ... discussed design and maintenance of club web pages. Suggestion that member CALLSIGN be linked to qrz.com/db/CALLSIGN so that members are responsible for their own content. Bill M to talk to Sebastian about web page development.
- * Discussed dues, and bylaws, \$5 rebate or member due reduction as a possible PR move? To be discussed next Board meeting.
- * Discussed the need for longer range financial planning including the possibility of annually setting aside dedicated reserves. To be discussed further at next Board meeting.
- * Suggested that SFDXA sponsor a plaque for a CQ (or other) contest. Kai to follow up with John Dorr, K1AR, at plaques@cqww.com and others.
- * Agreed to pledging \$100 to Amsterdam Island DXpedition via Bob Allphin, k4uee@comcast.com
- * Discussed donating \$50 to ARRL spectrum fund; delayed to September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

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Future SFDXA meetings 2013:

July 10th

September 4th

November 6th

January 8th, 2014



Minutes SFDXA meeting, July 10th, 2013.

President Bill Marx, W2CQ, called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

We introduced ourselves, and **21** of us (including guests) signed the attendance sheet.

Announcements and Reports:

- WRTC 2014 training test 1200Z July 13 – 1159Z
- N4II will operated from 4U1ITU next week
- Don, N4TZH, thanked the club members who helped erect his new tower and antenna

Program:

Norm, W4QN, presented a slide show that he and Dave, W4DN, prepared on The Dayton Hamvention 2013.

Rich Rosen, K2RR, presented an *Inside View of VOA, Delano CA*, now decommissioned and gave us an update on his software index "*From Beverages Thru Oscar, a bibliography 1909 – 1998*".

We adjourned at 9:40 PM.

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Future meetings 2013:

September 4th

November 6th

January 8th, 2014



Minutes SFDXA meeting, September 4th, 2013.

President Bill Marx, W2CQ, called the meeting to order at **7:30** PM.

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

We introduced ourselves, and **23** of us (including guests, aged 10 and up) signed the attendance sheet.

Announcements and Reports:

- K4FK station report: New computer linked to radio with new acc'y cable; we now have PSK, RTTY, JT65, SSTV modes operating. Installed new keyboard /mouse tray. Refurbished and repaired the low band dipoles. All antennas 160 m – 10 m in operation.
- Treasurer's report: \$3,950 approximate balance after paying for the above station improvements.
- Pete, N8PR, reported that next year ARRL is 100 years old. We have opportunity to be W1AW/4, from K4FK and from N8PR, probably will include CW, SSB, and EME.
- Bill, W2CQ, called for volunteers for various tasks, update club web pages, etc.
- Pete, N8PR, announced a local ham has various station equipment, including tower, for dispersal; contact Pete.

Program:

Our speaker Ed, N4II presented "Grayline Propagation, or Florida to Cocos (Keeling) on 80m". The VK9CZ DXpedition to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands made 51 QSOs with US Zone 5 on 80m. 21 of these QSOs - more than 40 percent - were with stations in Florida. Ed will talk about how this happened, and the surprising physics of gray line propagation on the low bands.

We adjourned at 9:40 PM.

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Future meetings:

November 7th [Thursday]

January 8th, 2014



Minutes SFDXA Board of Directors' meeting, 14 Sept 2013, 9:30 AM

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

Bill, W2CQ, called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM.

Attending:

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Agenda:

- (1) Discussed SFDXA officers and BOD elections – The following agreed to run for offices: **Kai for Secretary; Ray for Treasurer; Sebastian for VP, Lou for Director; Don for Director; Ed for BoD; Bill M for President.** We will drop down to 3 BoD members; we discussed several names for the third Director. Discussed cultivating new officers, and new members. "We're all on the membership committee". Search the DXCC roles for new local blood? Have K4FK open house? Allow VUCC in lieu of DXCC for full membership? Sebastian to look into a draft requirement for another path to full membership based on VUCC.
- (2) Discussed how to handle W1AW/4 operations – weeks of Feb 19, Apr 16? Lou, Bill M, Ray, Ed, and Kai to look into scheduling W1AW/4 operations. Perhaps an open house, play up the W1AW/4 angle locally?
- (3) Website location of the SFDXA web pages – currently with qsl.net.
- (4) Web page upgrades: Sebastian to champion with help from Bill M and Norm.
- (5) New business – seek approval of dates for 2014 SFDXA regular meetings, Bill M to coordinate with Florida Medical Center, proposed:

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| January 8th, 2014 | September 3rd, 2014 |
| March 5th, 2014 | November 5th, 2014 |
| May 7th, 2014 | January 7th, 2015 |
| July 9th, 2014 | |

Meeting adjourned at 11:00.

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Next SFDXA meeting November 7th, 2013.



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Program:

Our speakers:

John Troy, KI4YUM, presented "Remote Base Operation," showing how up your home station to be operated from anywhere using his RemoteShack product, now distributed by MFJ. RemoteShack can remote control your station from any remote telephone device using DTMF codes.

Sebastian Acosta, W4AS, presented "Use WSJT-X to Work DX on "dead" bands," the latest digital modes can decode multiple signals and add-ons can alert you of needed grids, states and countries. WSJT-X projected will integrate all JTxx N-FSK modes in one package.

Announcements and Reports:

- K4FK station report: new DXCC totals 275 mixed.
- Pete, N8PR: looking for operators for SFL W1AW/4 operation for the week of Feb. 19; don't miss your chance to be the DX station.
- Miami Hamborie coming up {Fri. Jan 31 and Sat. Feb. 1, 2014 (9:00AM to 6:00 PM): Miami}, SFDXA participation discussed.
- SFDXA Board of Directors presents the following 2014 officer candidates:
 - **Bill M, W2CQ, for President;**
 - **Sebastian, W4AS, for VP;**
 - **Ray, N4RU, for Treasurer;**
 - **Kai, KE4PT, for Secretary;**
 - **Lou, W9IL, for Director;**
 - **Ed, N4II, for Director;**
 - **Don, N4TZH, for Director, nominated from the floor by N8PR.**

We adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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March 5, 2014

May 7, 2014

July 9, 2014

September 3, 2014

November 5, 2014

January 7, 2015