



SFDXA January 2, 2019 meeting report.

Venue: Florida Medical Center auditorium

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

We pledged allegiance to the Flag. We introduced ourselves; **26** of us were in attendance.

Officer Reports:

President – Pete, N8PR: thanks to everyone for the help I got in the past 2 years.

- QCWA Holiday Pot Luck – Pete’s House – Saturday, January 12th 2019.
- New Officers and BOD take over with March meeting.

New officers: Randy, N4QV, President; Gil, W1RG, Vice President; Ray, N4RU, Treasurer; Kai, KE4PT, Secretary;

New BOD: John, K2SHA; Tom, N4MEO; Mark, K2AU; and Pete, N8PR.

Vice President – Bill, W2CQ – absent

Secretary – Kai, KE4PT – most Club presentations, and all my Meeting notes are posted on **www.sfdxa.com**. Please upload your QSOs/QLs to ClubLog, and join the SFDXA Club Group. That is where we maintain our club member DX statistics. Follow the link to ClubLog from the SFDXA web pages, or go directly to

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Treasurer – Ray, N4RU, the SFDXA balance as of 11/30/2018 is \$4,196.31. Report accepted. We renewed Club insurance.

BOD comments

John, K2SHA – no report.

Tom, N4MEO – Winter Field Day Jan. 26-27 Markham Park – DCARC invites SFDXA members to participate.

Mark, K2AU – no report.

Randy, N4QV – repaired the K4FK log, will write a procedure for logging and backups. Also will take over the handling of ClubLog, LoTW, and Logger32 backups.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Mark, K2AU, nothing to report.

K4FK Station – Still need to tune the dipoles.

Technical + Repeater – Elliot, KB2TZ; Pete, N8PR; Bill, W2CQ.

Web Site – Sebastian, W4AS, photos onto website from the Antenna Buster’s album.

Old/ New Business: HOG Award Presentation <<https://sfdxa.com/meetings-awards/dx-hog-award/>>, This year awarded to Randy, N4QV.

Gave Randy the Gavel... Adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned: 19:55.

Program

Pete, N8PR, – The Sun and Cycle 25: videos, and sun spot info.

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Mar 6, 2019

May 1, 2019

July 10, 2019

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Nov 6, 2019

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Kai, KE4PT,

SFDXA Secretary

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Kazimierz "Kai" Siwiak, KE4PT
Secretary SFDXA
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4 January 2019

Elliot A. Gross, KB2TZ
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Dear Elliot,

On behalf of the SFDXA Officers and Board of Directors, and the SFDXA members, I'd like to thank you for your support of our Club over the years, and especially during 2018.

We greatly appreciate your kindness in helping to maintain our Club station repeater K4FK/R.

Thank you!

73,

For the SFDXA, Kai Siwiak, KE4PT,
Secretary SFDXA



SFDXA Feb 20, 2019 Board of Directors meeting report.

Venue: Ye Olde Falcon Pub, 2867 S University Dr, Davie, FL 33328

President Randy Shirley, N4QV, called the meeting to order at **19:20 ET**.

Attending the Board Meeting

Pete, N8PR

John, K2SHA,

Gil, W1RG

Ray, N4RU

Randy, N4QV,

Sue, KA2RGK

Kai, KE4PT

Mark, K2AU,

Tom, N4MEO (absent).

Reports/Discussions.

1. Persons responsible for chasing down presentations for next year:
 - a. 6 Mar – A good friend of Dave Novoa (W4DN): Dr. Ramon Perez-Bret, YV5EED, scheduled to present a slide show of the Aves Island DXpedition
 - b. 1 May – Tom, N4MEO
 - c. 10 July – Gil, W1RG
 - d. 4 Sep – Pete, N8PR
 - e. 6 Nov – Mark, K2AU
 - f. 8 Jan 2020 – John, K2SHA
2. Mark suggested “ham games” for club meetings. Pete suggested the “CW and/or SSB pileup call sign copy exercises”.
3. Randy: the k4fk computer is fine, new LoTW certificate, uploaded entire log. Need 3 or 4 more for Honor Roll. Need ~18 more on 80 m for 5BDXCC. At 978 towards Challenge certificate.
4. Randy: the dipoles were out of tune for 160, 80, 40 m, and they interact. Now tuned. No 60 m dipole. After tuning, there is still much interaction with the guy wires. There are no resonant antennas (dipoles) for 30 or 60 meters. Pete and Randy will look to correct the situation.
5. Randy: we are getting ClubLog requests for “membership”. BoD agreed that we should not add “casual” members.
6. Randy and BoD want our members to upload QSOs to ClubLog regularly.
7. Ray: our ARRL SF SM has asked the BoD to waive membership fees for him. BoD agrees such an action would be contrary to the By-Laws. Kai: issue him a nice letter thanking him for his volunteer services on our behalf. Ray to let him know of our decision to not waive fees.
8. Mark, the QSL bureau project is progressing well.
9. Pete, DXCC rule 8 change to permit DX operations off shore in territorial waters.
10. Gill suggested we should promote Amazon Smile program naming ARRL as beneficiary.
11. Kai noted that the 2019 IEEE AP/URSI meeting will again have a strong Amateur Radio presence, as in 2018 and 2017. Will be promoting ham-student graduate projects, and license sessions.
12. John, moved to adjourn: seconded ... **20:28 ET**.

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Mar 6, 2019

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SFDXA Mar 6, 2019 meeting report.

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Officer Reports:

President – Randy Shirley, N4QV: previous meeting reports on the Club web page.

- Tom moved that we research getting an antenna tuner for the HF shack. Randy suggested an on-line vote.
- Pete suggested members donate to ClubLog for the valuable services that they provide us.
- Randy – regarding badges ... Bill, W2CQ suggested new vendor. Ray noted The Sign Man is now too expensive.

Vice President – Gil, W1RG: presenter on EME at Davie Cooper City meeting was Randy Terrill k9BCT.

Treasurer – Ray, N4RU, the SFDXA balance as of 02/11/2019 is \$4,545.56.

Secretary – Kai, KE4PT – many Club presentations, and all my SFDXA Meeting Notes are posted on **www.sfdxa.com**.

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Director comments

John, K2SHA – [absent]

Tom, N4MEO – Davie Club to have radio event on Mt. Trashmore (Vista View Park).

Mark, K2AU – [absent]

Pete, N8PR – ARRL calendars, freebies available. There is a move to change Technician Class operating privileges: proposing 80, 40 and 15 m digital/CW operations, still under discussion. SFDXA show of hands – about 80% in support. Synopsis: it is intended to provide Technician Licensees with an “HF playground” to practice the HF skills needed to upgrade to the General Class license, sort of like the now-extinct Novice Class provided ‘back in the day’.

Committee Reports:

K4FK – Randy, N4QV, K4FK is good shape. Need just 12 more on 80m for 9-band DXCC; need 84 more for Challenge Award. Spent some time trimming the HF dipoles. Still no 30 m dipole. We discussed the need for a 1.5 kW tuner for the station. Pete and Randy pursuing the situation.

Membership – Mark, K2AU, no report

Technical + Repeater – Elliot, KB2TZ; Pete, N8PR; Bill, W2CQ, no report

Web Site – Sebastian, W4AS, no report.

Old/ New Business:

None.

Meeting Adjourned: 20:00.

Program

Randy Shirley, N4QV, on Meteor Scatter Communications – used Roger G. Sturtevant, VE1SKY, slides.

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SFDXA May 1, 2019 meeting report.

Venue: Florida Medical Center library.

President Randy Shirley, N4QV, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

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

Officer Reports:

President – Randy Shirley, N4QV: previous meeting reports are on the Club web page.

- K4FK statistics for 5BDXCC need 80 m need 12 more; need 12 more for digital DXCC, Challenge at981.
- Need better SWR meter. Pete will check it out.
- Dayton: at least 6 members will attend.
- FT4 beta introduced for **contesting**.

Vice President – Gil, W1RG, to do July presentation on NVIS.

Treasurer – Ray, N4RU, the SFDXA checking balance is \$4,670.86 as of 3-29-19.

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Director comments

John, K2SHA – [absent].

Tom, N4MEO – [absent].

Mark, K2AU – Fred B Lindeman, KB4EE to be voted on his next meeting attendance.

Pete, N8PR – Al Flappin, AF4AF earned QCWA Century award. DX Advisory Committee report - DXCC rule change proposal had cool reception at ARRL. FT8 to have “sticker” for DXCC award.

Committee Reports:

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Technical & Repeater – Elliot, KB2TZ; Pete, N8PR; Bill, W2CQ, no report

Web Site – Sebastian, W4AS, no report.

Old/ New Business:

None.

Meeting Adjourned: 20:00.

Program

Pete, N8PR, presented a HamNation video by Charlie Wooten, NF4A, on Hurricane Michael.

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SFDXA July 10, 2019 meeting report.

Venue: Florida Medical Center library.

President Randy Shirley, N4QV, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

We pledged allegiance to the Flag and introduced ourselves, [welcomed guest- Brady]; **26** of us were in attendance.

Officer Reports:

President – Randy Shirley, N4QV:

- K4FK Station Report
 - New watt / SWR meter installed and calibrated.
- K4FK DXCC Status Report at 991 for Challenge. Need 13 for 80 m DXCC. Have 340 DXCC.
- DXpeditions – link on Club page for DXpeditions. OJØA and E44WE on air.
- ClubLog participation: members asked to upload their logs.
- 2 Meter repeater usage. Members asked to check into the repeater more often.
- Rig/Antenna Survey: should we do it again?

Vice President – Gil, W1RG, will be leaving for vacation soon.

Treasurer – Ray, N4RU, the SFDXA checking account balance is \$4,570.57 as of June-28-19.

Secretary – Kai, KE4PT –

- SFDXA members Rich Quick, W4RQ, and Dan Ross, AI4CJ, were recognized for their on-air operating proficiency by election to the **ARRL A-1 Operator Club**.
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Director comments

- Pete, N8PR – No report.
- John, K2SHA – [absent].
- Tom, N4MEO – [absent].
- Mark, K2AU – Has 150+ Outgoing QSL card.
 - Equipment survey should be done via computer.
 - Fred B Lindeman, KB4EE, meets requirements for SFDXA Full membership, was voted in unanimously.

Committee Reports:

K4FK – See president's report.

Technical & Repeater – Elliot, KB2TZ; Pete, N8PR; Bill, W2CQ, **no report**.

Web Site – Sebastian, W4AS, **no report**.

Old Business:

- Need to spend a few hours on the roof adjusting the dipole.

New Business:

- The secretary needs help/volunteer for selecting and setting up an electronic method of voting for the next SFDXA officer elections. Fred Perkins – arranged e-voting for DCARC; Survey Monkey also possibility. Randy to follow up with Fred.
- Mickey Baker N4MB: made pitch for ARRL membership, and is running for Director SE Division.



Meeting Adjourned: 20:07.

Program

Gil, W1RG, presented, "Near Vertical Incidence Skywave (NVIS) Propagation with an ARES Slant". A PDF copy is on the SFDXA.com web page.

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