



## South Florida DX Association – March Agenda

### Meeting Agenda

📅 March 4, 2026

🕒 7:33 PM

Our new president Jeff WB3ISP presided over his first meeting.

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#### 1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at **7:33 PM**
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#### 2. Roll Call / Quorum Verification

- Recognition of Board Members attending (see end of this document)
    - Missing John K2SHA and Mark K2AU
    - New position: Prize chairman and web master Howard W6HDG
      - Welcome Howard!
  - Establishment of Quorum?
    - Yes, we have a quorum
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#### 3. Member Introductions

- Welcome new members and guests
    - Many new people here tonight, see attendance list at the end of this document
  - Everyone introductions themselves and mentioned their name, callsign and recent DX activity)
    - 19 people are here, see attendance list at the end of this file
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#### 4. Membership Report

- Total Membership as of March 1, 2026: **26 of the 61 members on the roster have paid their 2026 dues.**
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## 5. SX Hog Award

- Bill W2CQ explaining what the DX Hog award is
- In 2025 it was Neil WB2RUU
- The 2026 DX Hog is Jeff WB3ISP
- He must display the Hog Plaque proudly in his shack and must wear the hat at hamfests – Hamvention is next



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## 6. Old Business

- Follow-up on prior action items
    - 2026 dues are due
  - Status of ongoing club initiatives
    - Making the HF station remotely accessible is in process but proceeding slowly
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## 7. New Business

- Nothing was discussed; the meeting was curtailed to allow time for our guest speaker's presentation.
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## 8. Adjournment

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### Introduction of Guest Speaker

- Speaker introduction and background - Julio Ripoll [WD4R](#)  
Founder/Coordinator of WX4NHC, the Amateur Radio Station at the National Hurricane Center.

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1. Julio WD4R was the Co-Founder and First Coordinator for Amateur Radio at the National Hurricane Center in 1980
2. This was a fascinating presentation of the founding of the NHC's ham station and what role it has played supporting the NHC as well as the tens of thousands of lives in the US and other countries from 1980 and continuing through today.
3. The bottom line: **Ham radio works when other communications methods fail as they do during hurricanes!**

**Door Prizes were kindly donated by the named companies**

**Thanks to Howard W6HDG for arranging for the prize donations:**

[Arrow Antennas](#) 10WBP 10el sat with duplexer

Won by Rich WB4EHG

[Bioenno](#) Lithium Ion, Phosphate 6AH Battery and Charger

Won by Alan W4ARM

[DX Engineering](#) \$100 Gift Certificate

Won by Ray N4RU

[Daily DX](#) 1 Year Subscription or Extension

Won by Ray N4RU

[QRZ.COM](#) 1 Year Platinum Subscription

Won by Gil W1RG

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March 2026 Meeting Attendance (In person only, no Zoom)			
#	Name	Call	Position
1	Roger Stutes	KM4NS	Guest
2	Tony Facciolo	KD4UWU	Guest
3	Jim Schwartes	KJ4GJB	Guest
4	Howard Groveman	W6HDG	Web Master & Prize Chairman
5	Randy Shirley	N4QV	Previous President and Board Member
6	Tony Gawel	W6TNY	Guest
7	Ray Smolenski**	N4RU	Member
8	Bill Marx	W2CQ	Board Member
9	Julio Ripoll	WD4R	Guest Speaker
10	Chris Kolb	K4CLK	Guest
11	Mike Davis	AF4VJ	Guest
12	Gil Gillingham*	W1RG	Treasurer
13	Fred Rosenbaum	NF1U	Guest
14	Dirk Basting	N4AN	Guest
15	John Sanders	W6BXQ	Member
16	Alan Brenner*	W4ARM	Member
17	Nim Cohen	KN6KTX	Guest
18	Jeff Dale	WB3ISP	President
19	Rich Joerger*	WB4EHG	Secretary

\* indicates the person won a door prize, \*\* means they won two