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## SFDXA January 8th, 2025 Meeting Summary

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**Venue:** Florida Medical Center, 5000 W Oakland Park Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL and Zoom.

**Meeting called to order:**

At 1933 ET by President Randy N4QV

We pledged allegiance to the Flag.

We introduced ourselves: 5 in person and 3 on Zoom.

We all mentioned our most recent DX worked.

**Officer Reports:**

President – Randy, N4QV, report:

Meeting location.

Welcome to 2025!

The hospital has been sold again! It is now administered by HSA Healthcare System of America. Just as we were getting a great working relationship with Stewart, things are changing again.

I was emailing Doreen at the old address and not getting a response or a bounce. After 3 visits to FMC, I finally caught her in her office. and she told me about the change! Hopefully relations will be just as nice as before.

As mentioned before, we are delighted to be meeting back at the Florida Medical Center! FMC is our historic meeting place and the location of our club station. Management had given us permission to bring food to the meeting. I hope the new management will be as accommodating.

Dues are DUE for 2025. The PayPal account is now active as [payments@sfdxa.com](mailto:payments@sfdxa.com). OF course, the old fashion way, checks (or cash) to W1RG Gil, our Treasurer, still works!

Not much has happened regarding getting the club website over the holidays. The members' list is still a work in progress and should be updated shortly. Jeff WB3ISP has recommended a membership management plugin that will automatically manage the membership list based on dues payments. We will also be setting up the officers' emails shortly.

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The hospital has been sold AGAIN! HSA Health Care System of America.

#### K4FK Report

We need to have the club station working well locally before we can complete remote testing. Jeff WB3ISP had a great presentation at our November meeting regarding the needs of remoting the station.

20-6 meters and 160 are available now. The rotor issue has been repaired, thanks to the efforts of Jeff WB3ISP, Rich WB4EHG and yours truly N4QV.

The 80-meter elements of the low band fan dipole have been repaired. However, the bandwidth on 80 meters is very narrow. My recommendation is to spread out the elements at the base which should help the bandwidth problem.

We need to have another workday at K4FK.

3 Items need attention:

- 1) Spread out the 80-meter elements to increase bandwidth.
- 2) Repair an intermittent connection on the 40-meter elements.
- 3) Figure out why the Waller Flag is not receiving power.

I'm having some issues with one of my legs and I don't want to climb until it clears up.

K4FK is at 329 Confirmed, leaving K4FK only needing 2 more for Honor Roll! We now have over 100 confirmed on 80 meters and I will apply for 5-band DXCC with WARC endorsements.

The club station amplifier has a problem with the QSK board. I spoke to Chris VE3NGW, and he is going to take a look at it. My recommendation is to sell it after the repair and purchase a remote ready amp.

#### Club Events!

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual "SFDXA Fall Picnic!" was a resounding success! We will be holding the event again next fall. Since we are looking for ways to bring in more members, we thought we should make the club "More Fun!" Maybe we could have more POTA events in the future as well

#### Winter Field Day

DCARC is putting on a great effort for Winter Field Day. It will be held at the DCARC Club Station. SFDXA members are invited to join the DCARC. See their [website](#) or Rich WB4EHG's email from July 08 or contact him (me).

#### DX Marathon

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We will be sponsoring the CQ DX Marathon again this year.

### **Zoom Effect and Meeting Location**

The "Zoom Effect" was discussed at the last meeting.

The "Zoom Effect" has resulted in very poor attendance at the in-person meetings.

I failed to get the survey about ideas to help grow the club, out to the membership, over the busy holidays. It is on my punch list, and it will be sent out shortly to the membership via email.

### **Operating Events:**

Upcoming Contests:

<a href="#">ARRL January VHF</a>	Jan 18-20
<a href="#">CQ 160 Meter Contest</a>	Jan 24-26
<a href="#">Winter Field Day</a>	Jan 25-26
<a href="#">CQWW WPX RTTY</a>	Feb 08-09
<a href="#">ARRL Int DX Contest CW</a>	Feb 15-16
<a href="#">ARRL Int DX Contest Phone</a>	Mar 01-02

Current and upcoming DXPeditions

Upcoming:

TX7N	Marquesas	Jan 10-31
9X7AW	Rwanda	Jan 027-Feb 15
V7***	Marshall Islands	Feb 11-23
VK9XU	Christmas Island	Feb 18-Mar 04
VK9CU	Cocos Keeling	Mar 04-12

Vice President – Jeff, WB3ISP

Secretary – Rich, WB4EHG

Please note that anything underlined in the meeting summary is an active link.  
Just click it.

Treasurer – W1RG Gil

New balance: \$25,891.96 \$. Money Market: \$20,580.68, Checking: \$4,811.11

**Dues for 2025 are due: \$10 for a full member, \$5 for an associate member.**

### **BOD members' comments**

John, K2SHA

Nothing to report.

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Tom, N4MEO  
Nothing to report.

Bill, W2CQ  
Nothing to report.

Mark, K2AU  
Outgoing QSL cards: club will mail your outgoing QSL cards for free.  
W6HJBZ – Introduced himself and we voted to allow him into the club.

We have the candidates for membership:

Julio	AD4Z (HI3A)	Full Member
Jim	WB4JC (Renewing)	Full Member
Mark	K8MEM	Full Member?
Ricky	KD4HGR	Full Member?
Paul	WA4PAW	Full Member

### Committee Reports:

Membership – Mark, K2AU

Technical + Repeater - Elliott, [KB2TZ](#), Bill, [W2CQ](#)  
N4QV reports that the repeater has been replaced.  
Several have reported weak receive.  
Elliot KB2TZ reports that there is too much reflected power on the antenna and that it needs to be looked at. Bill W2CQ to contact Elliot.  
Also research moving the receive preamp to the new repeater.

Web Site – Jeff WB3ISP  
Reported during President's report.

### Old Business:

Renee, Vant's XYL, still needs antennas and towers to be taken down.

**We will get this done THIS FALL-WINTER!**

Mickey N4MB volunteered his trailer for transport.

N4QV says let's schedule this shortly **after** we get K4FK running!

### New Business:

### Meeting Adjourned:

At 20:36ET

### Next SFDXA meeting:

Wednesday March 5, 2025, at 8:08pm.

73, Rich, [WB4EHG](#), SFDXA Secretary

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<b>Attendance</b>			
<b>In Person:</b>			
<b>N4QV Randy</b>	<b>WB4EHG Rich</b>	<b>N4RU Ray</b>	<b>WB2RUU Neil</b>
			<b>W1RG Gil</b>
<b>Via Zoom:</b>			
	<b>N4MEO Tom</b>		
	<b>AI4CJ Dan</b>		<b>KQ4JKQ Rich</b>
<b>W4DTA Steve</b>	<b>W6BXQ John</b>		

**Presentation:**