

St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday February 03, 2015



**Officers Present:**

Douglas C. Stewart, President KI4NAD  
Rick Hatton, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. KK4GGL  
Herman Green, Secretary KI4GCJ  
Kerry Hinkley, Treasurer K4ZED  
Don Crist, ARRL Liaison K4UBT

**Members Present:**

Howard Baker, KK4QLH  
Alan Alsobrook, KD4QOF  
Eric Hinson, KK4THE  
Larry Slight, W4KTJ  
Flip Halley, KE4OBT  
Mickey Halley, KD4FBI  
Clint Porter, KC4LOV  
Buddy Tison, KK4RXC  
Larry Tucker, W9LJT  
Billy Davies, N3GBZ

**Call to Order:**

The meeting of the St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society (SAARS) was called to order by President Doug Stewart, KI4NAD at 18:30 (6:30 PM EST) February 3, 2015.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting of September 27, 2014 were read by Herman Green, K4GCJ. There was no discussion, corrections, or additions. A motion was made by Don Crist, K4UBT to accept the minutes as read. Rick Hatton, KK4GGL seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Stewart then discussed the vacant secretary position and the need to elect such. Mr. Green has been voluntarily filling that roll up to this point. Don Crist, K4UBT made a motion to elect Herman Green to the secretary position. The motion was seconded by Larry Slight, K4KTJ. Mr. Green was asked if he would be willing to assume the position responsibilities. He indicated that he would accept. There being no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

President Stewart discussed an update was needed to the Constitution as it was over 10 years old and a need for review of the dues structure. Dues structure was noted:

Voting membership	\$ 20.00 a year
Family membership	\$30.00 a year
Associate membership (non voting)	\$ 10.00 a year

After much discussion a motion was made by Howard Baker, KK4QLH to leave the current dues structure as is until a study could be made and a recommendation made by the officers to the membership. Motion was seconded by Don Crist, K4UBT; the motion was carried.

Additional items brought up by President Stewart were:

I. *Meeting Locations* Meetings locations and suggestions were:

- 1) St Augustine Record
- 2) Watson Realty (corner of Old Moultrie Rd and US 1)
- 3) St Augustine Yacht club
- 4) St Augustine Airport
- 5) Gander Mountain
- 6) Ancient City Baptist Church
- 7) JBird's Restaurant (Dinner meeting only)

Since the club is OK for the next month at the library it was tabled until more research can be done.

## II. *Programs & Presentations*

Also discussed were new possible programs for monthly meetings coming up in March, April, May, June and July. Programs could include topics such as: Antennas, tuners, official FCC observers (OO's), Tuning of HF rigs, Lighthouse history, hurricanes preparedness, grounding of stations and SKYWARN.

## III. *Discussion of new VE liaison for SAARS and ARRL.*

Due to the resignation of Bob Stephens, K4FA a new representative must be elected. Herman Green, KI4GCJ nominated Don Crist, K4UBT to that capacity and the motion was seconded by Rick Hatton, KK4GGL. Don accepted and was elected unanimously.

## IV. *Fund Raising – Finances - Budget*

- V. President Stewart then discussed the club finances and fund raising resources. Stewart stated it would take between \$3000.00 and \$5000.00 to have an active thriving club serving the members and community. And we would have to decide on active fund raising programs at a later date.

## VI. Drawing attention to the upcoming programs for recreation these are the suggestions;

- 1) Florida QSO Party
- 2) Field day
- 3) Lighthouse Event WEB site [WWW.ILLW.net](http://WWW.ILLW.net) (an International event,) August 15, 16
- 4) 450 anniversary of St Augustine
- 5) Social event for SAARS

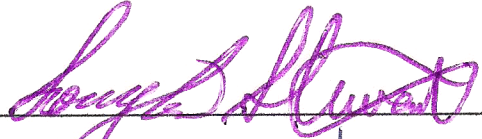
President Stewart said the club would be kept informed by Emails and the "Beacon" club news letter.


## **Treasures Report:**

Mr. Hinkley, K4ZED reported the Current balance is \$1775.00 and several checks and some cash to be deposited. All expenses for 2014 have been paid.

**Adjourn;** President Stewart then declared the meeting adjourned at 19:50 (7:50 EST).

Respectfully,  
Herman Green, KI4GCJ  
Secretary

**Signed:**  
As Accepted:  Date: 3/19/15

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