

St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Officers Present:

Frank Kirbyson, KN4CLP President Jack Ernissee, K4KSW 1st Vice President Sue Kirbyson, KN4KNC Secretary Marc Bellefontaine, KK4KZZ Treasurer

Members Present:

Dennis Fernandez, N4KPI Allen Wyatt, KU4YA Kevin Pellegrino, KM4PHI Tom Gruber, KF4AVW Michael Frame, KN4FKC Robert Rodriguez, KT4WG Kerry Hinkley, K4ZED

Members continued:

Clint Porter, KC4LOV Larry Sapp, WD8SEL Ron Morgan, KM4IGG-Liann Francisco, KE4LF Reg Smith, KA4LGJ John Smith, K3GO John Albertson, KN4UBT Morton Katz, KJ4SDU Erik Hokansson, WA1YXV Alan Alsobrook, KD4QOF Linda Visman, KN4KJC Richard Visman, NN2T Buzz Miklos, WA4GPM

Members continued:

Gus Perry, WA4JPC

Guest Present:

Russ Langel, K4HRL Rich Sohm, W4SYV Anita Gruber, xyl KF4AVW

Call to Order:

The meeting of the St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society (SAARS) was called to order by President Frank Kirbyson, KN4CLP at 06:30 pm, May 7, 2019.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on April 2, 2019 were read by Suc, KN4KNC for review by the membership. A motion was made by Reg Smith, KA4LGJ and seconded by Clint Porter, KC4LOV to accept the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was read by Marc, KK4KZZ. The balance in the SAARS account as of April 1, 2019 was \$7,751.91. We had membership receipts of \$100.00, 50-50 netted 39.00, sales from Tee Shirts and Patches \$102.00 and a donation of \$50.00 for a total of \$291.00. We had expenses of \$31.52 to Publix for State Parks on the Air for food, \$500.00 to Royal St. Augustine Golf & Country Club for deposit for Christmas party and bank charge of \$14.52 for checks/deposit slips for a total of \$546.04 in expenses. The balance in the SAARS account as of May 1 stands at \$7,496.87.

Old Business:

- The club was given an update on our Christmas party. A \$500.00 deposit was made to Royal St. Augustine Golf & Country Club and the balance will be due prior to the event. Members were asked to please have payment in by November's meeting so we can give them a count and pay the balance due. The actual adjusted cost for members will be available by the October meeting.
- Jack, K4KSW discussed the Florida State Parks on the Air held in April, We had 36 attendees at the park. Frank, KN4CLP passed around a certificate we received for first place in low power, mixed mode multi class for the 2018 event.
- · We are still looking for program ideas. Please get with Frank or Jack and they will follow up on any ideas submitted.
- We are still looking for volunteers to head various committees for activities and events, if anyone is interested, please contact Frank. Kevin, KM4PHI would also like to sign up additional volunteers to run the net. If interested, please contact Kevin,
- The bids on the vintage equipment were accepted by Mrs. Sorkin. The equipment has been picked up and distributed. A list will be updated for the remaining equipment and will be posted on our webpage.
- Frank, KN4CLP, Jack, K4KSW, Richard, NN2T, Dennis, N4KPI and Rick, KK4GGL met at SJC FOP to measure and take pictures for Summer Field Day. Richard gave an excellent presentation on possible antenna placement around the border of property in order to have optimum potential for making contacts.

New Business:

Frank thanked all the VE's that volunteer to help out during testing. The proceeds from the testing has accumulated to \$260,00. We discussed donating this to the Memorial Lutheran Church, where the testing is held. A motion was made by Allen, KU4YA and seconded by Richard, NN2T. The motion passed unanimously.

Program:

We would like to thank John Gaughan, Chief Meteorologist from Channel 4 News for coming out and giving us a presentation on some of the storms we have had in the past and what is predicted in the months to come, and the factors that help develop them. He also showed a real fascination in radios and what we do, and requested we keep him updated.

50-50: We had a total of \$80.00. The winner was Alan Alsobrook, KD4QOF, he won \$40.00 and the club netted \$40.00.

Member Gift Card: The winner was Reg Smith, KA4LGJ. He chose the Dunkin Donut Card.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Ron, KM4IGG and seconded by Michael, KN4FKC to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Kirbyson, KN4KNC

6/4/19

Secretary