



**St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 2, 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
John R. Powell, KI4IYC
Michael Frame, KN4FKC

Members continued:

Clint Porter, KC4LOV
Richard Visman, NN2T
Ron Morgan, KM4IGG
Russ Langel, K4HRL
Anthony Cinelli, KG4JSK
Rick Hatton, KK4GGL
Doug Parmenter, KK4FZT
Buzz Miklos, WA4GPM
Erik Hokansson, WA1YXV
Alan Alsobrook, KD4QOF
Larry Slight, W4KTJ

Guest Present:

Dave Ernissee, NC
Rajesh Verma, K4SK
Brandi Kiehl, K4PL
Jerry Leon, KK4RDI

Call to Order:

The meeting of the St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society (SAARS) was called to order by President Frank Kirbyson, KN4CLP at 06:31 pm, July 2, 2019.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on June 4, 2019 were read by Sue, KN4KNC for review by the membership. A motion was made by Allen Wyatt, KU4YA and seconded by Larry Slight, W4KTJ 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 June 1, 2019 was \$7,492.87. We had membership receipts of \$60.00 and 50-50 netted \$29.00, for a total of \$89.00. We had expenses of \$5.37 for printing Summer Field Day posters. The balance in the SAARS account as of July 1 stands at \$7,576.50.

Old Business:

- Christmas Party- The club was advised the cost for members will be adjusted based on the proceeds from the 50-50 drawing and as of now the estimated cost for members should be between \$11.00 to \$15.00. This will also depend on the number of members that attend. Guest will be \$20.00.
- Jack, K4KSW gave a report on Summer Field Day. The event was very successful and the club earned a total of 1,492 points. The club made 432 contacts. We had an open discussion on what made it successful and suggestions on how we could make it even better next year. Some suggestions were increased signage where the pavement ends on Inman Road, looking into the possibility of having private camping trailers on the property and including youth groups in field day activities.

New Business:

- Two Winter Field Day locations have been suggested and we will be doing further research on them. These were made by Ray, KE4YAF and RJ, NC. Two other sites that were brought up for review were the F.O.P. and the E.O.C. All locations will be researched and considered.
- We discussed the pro and cons of having our annual Flea Market event in October. A motion was made by Alan Alsobrook, KD4QOF and seconded by Buzz, WA4GPM to table the discussion until next meeting.
- The International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend will be August 17th & 18th. Herman, KI4GCJ will set up a meeting with his contact at the lighthouse so we can start planning. We discussed the need of new antennas and possible QSL cards for the event. Marc, KK4KZZ will supply a Lighthouse QSL card draft.
- The Castillo de San Marco in St. Augustine was mentioned as a possible location for National Parks on the Air. Larry, W4KTJ will reach out to his contact to see if this is a possibility.

Program:

Our appreciation to Dave Ernissee, NC, for his presentation. Dave is a state certified trainer for CERT, Community Emergency Response Team. He explained the training involved and the rewards of being part of CERT.

50-50: We had a total of \$46.00. The winner was Sue, KN4KNC, she won \$23.00 and the club netted \$23.00. The winnings were donated towards the Christmas Club fund.

Member Gift Card: The winner was Richard Visman, NN2T. He chose the Lowe's Card.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Allen Wyatt, KU4YA and seconded by Anthony Cinelli, KG4JSK, to adjourn at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Kirbyson 8/6/19
Sue Kirbyson, KN4KNC
Secretary

Signed:

As Accepted: *[Signature]* Date: 8/6/19

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