

St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 4, 2020

Officers Present:

Allen Wyatt KU4YA Pres.
Jack Ernisse, K4KSW V. Pres.
Kevin Pellegrino, KM4PHI, Tres.

Alan Alsobrook, KD4QOF

R.J. Inman
Ray LaBrie KN4LFC
Bob Sileo N2PE

Members Present:

Sue Kirbyson KN4KNC
Frank Kirbyson, KN4CLP
Ron Morgan KM4AC
Erik Hokansson WA2YXV
Liann Francisco KE4LF
Dennis Fernandez N4KPI
Buzz Miklos WA4GPM
Larry Sapp WD8SEL

Aaron Smith AG4G
Socrates Andujar WM4S
Mike Koralewski K8VA
Buddy Tison KK4RXC
Russ Langel K4HRL
Richard Visman NN2T
Linda Visman KN4KJC
Marc Bellefontaine, KK4KZZ
John Smith K3GO
Rick Reuther W2BFD
Jackson Driskell KB4B
D.J. Finch N4RRR
Michael Frame KN4FKC

Guests:
Kamron Goodall
Jim Davlantes KB0CW

Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag:

The meeting of the St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society (SAARS) was called to order by President Allen Wyatt at 6:30 pm, February 4, 2020.

Members Introduction:

Minutes:

The minutes of the January meeting were distributed for review of the membership. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurers report was read by Kevin Pellegrino. The balance as of Feb 1 is, \$8,684.42. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Winter Field Day was held Saturday and Sunday January 25 and 26 at the EOC with an attendance of over 32 amateurs and guests. Numerous contacts were made, and a score has already been submitted to the WFD organization. (Courtesy of Russ Langel K4HRL)

Committee Reports:

FLSPOTA: – Charmain Jack Ernisse is working to get confirmation of the usual place. The event is to be held April 4. He will also try to ensure that RJs trailer can be used.
Field Day June 27-28 - The FOP is the planned site but this must be confirmed.

ILLW: - Aug 22-23

JOTA: - Oct 16-18 – This is a service project of the club done for the BSA. Youth Protection is the priority.

Contest Logging: - Russ Langel. Russ proposed that the club purchase the N3FJP contest package which would be licensed to the club call N4AUG. Cost is \$64.99. A motion was made and seconded and after some discussion was passed unanimously.

DXCC Log Checking: - John Smith is working with the ARRL to become the local designated DXCC log check and award certification person. He needs to have the club's endorsement to do this. After John gave a nice presentation, a motion was made for the club to formally give its endorsement of John for providing that service.

Repeater: - Alan Alsobrook reported on the status of the KF4MX repeater which the club uses for its Wednesday night net. Though this repeater has served the area very well and continues to be one of the more active repeaters in this part of Florida, its footprint has changed since moving to the new location on Fish Island (at Anastasia Island and the 312 bridge). There were comments about the cost of a new antenna, and if that would actually help the coverage. This topic was not concluded and remains open for further discussion.

VEC: - Don Crist discussed this successful service provided by his group and commented about the number of new hams entering the hobby. Aaron Smith made some comments about the need for new hams to get help in quenching their thirst for new knowledge and getting on the air. Aaron, along with Russ Langel will work to pull together materials to possibly be provided to people passing their exams.

New business:

Hamcation: Alan Alsobrook commented that the club frequency at the event would, as before, be 145.625 simplex but with the addition of a tone (127.3) to reduce confusion with others.

Program: Jackson Driskell presented an interesting program on Satelite communications which wetted the appetite of many in attendance.

50/50 Drawing:

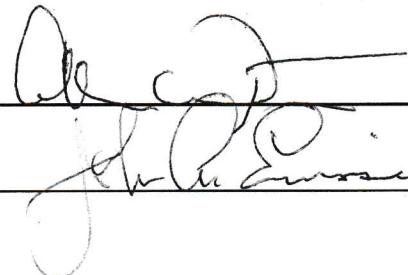
Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded at 8:26 pm. The next meeting will be at the same location at 6:30 pm on March 3.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Wyatt, KU4YA

Signed:

As Accepted:



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