# St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society

# MEETING MINUTES (approved)

May 3, 2022

At the St Johns County Fairgrounds and via Zoom

## 1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Allen Wyatt.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ron Morgan led the pledge.

## 3. Treasurer's report

No report this month. Allen Wyatt stated that our balance as of March 31, 2022 was just under $8000 with pending deposits of about $150. Outstanding expenses include about $100 for food (FLSPOTA) and $100 for the 6 meter filter for field day. Allen Wyatt commented that we need to put together a budget for the upcoming year.

## 4. Minutes of April meeting

Ron Morgan moved that the draft minutes for the April meeting be approved, Rick Reuther seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the members present.

## 5. Upcoming events

Field Day 2022 – discussed later in the meeting.
International Lighthouse and Lightships Weekend (ILLW) will be August 20 and 21. We plan to participate.

6. **Monthly meeting – location and meeting time**

Allen stated that he was looking at a number of locations to hold future meetings. There was discussion concerning the meeting start time (6:30 or 7 PM) and its impact on our ability to secure a venue. Also, the earlier time could allow for post-meeting dinners.

Locations discussed included the Main Library, Anastasia branch library, Airport, St. Augustine Beach City Hall, County EOC, local colleges, South branch library, community centers, churches, the armory, and the Saltwater shooting range. Some of these locations require a $75 rental fee per meeting.

7. **Christmas Party 2022**

The 2021 Christmas party was held at Brisky's BBQ. The cost was $20 per person, including tip. The club provided a $5 per member subsidy. The service and food at Brisky's was very good. We can give Brisky's relatively short notice. Other venues will bring higher costs.

8. **Florida QSO Party**

Richard and Linda Visman showed photos of their operations from two locations in North Florida – the Baker/Columbia County line (Osceola National Forest) and the Madison/Hamilton County line. They also described the remote operation by Juan Lopez through the cellular network.

9. **Field Day 2022 discussion**

We are leaning toward the Saltwater shooting range for Field Day 2022. Allen Wyatt showed photos of the range. Discussion points:

A. Site and antenna layouts
B. Attributes of the indoor facilities
C. Antenna options include the Hex Beam, OCF antennas, and verticals.
D. Bandmaster
E. Power limitation. It appears that the 2022 rules place a 100 watt limit on stations. Further research into the rules will be done.
F. Adjacent power lines, possible RF noise and safety issues. Richard Visman stated he would visit the location with an HF receiver to get an idea of the noise floor.
G. Generator power
H. Noise from shooting range customers
I. Food – lunch and dinner menu options

## 10. 50/50 raffle

Linda Visman won the raffle.

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

## 12. Attendance

In-person attendees

Allen Wyatt, W4YO
John Albertson, AK4N
Bob Sileo, N2PE
Rick Hatton, KK4GGL
Ron Morgan, KM4AC
Rick Reuther, W2BFD
Mike Koralewski, K8VA
Richard Visman, NN2T
Linda Visman, KN4KJC
Larry Sapp, WD8SEL
Frank Sileo, N1PE
Dennis Fernandez, N4KPI
Michael Frame, KN4FKC
Eric Hokansson, WA1YXV
Doug Parmenter, KK4FZT

Zoom attendees

Buddy Tison, KK4RX,
Richard Wallace, KG6YEM
Dianne Rabideau Wise, WA4ZDQ
Mike Soronen, W4SAB
Reg Smith, KA4LGJ
Tom Miller, W1PD
John Stahl, WA2AAQ