



St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society

MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2023

Airport Conference Center

Attendees

Alan Alsobrook KD4QOF	Buzz Miklos WA4GPM
John Brittingham KO4SMB	Allen Wyatt KU4YA
Rick Hatton KK4GGL	Ron Morgan KM4AC
Joseph Logan III KO4VOY	John Stahl WA2AAQ
Ron Morgan KM4AC	Franco Venturi K4VZ
Jack Ernissee K4KSW	Joe Barnhart KQ4ECD
Dennis Fernandez N4KPI	Kevin Pellegrino KM4PHI
Diane Rabideau Wise WA4ZDQ	Art Wildblood W4AA
Larry Sapp WD8SEL	Frank Kirbyson KN4CLP
Frank Sileo N1PE	Sue Kirbyson KN4KNC
Bob Sileo N2PE	Tom Olman KE8CVM
Michael Frame KN4FKC	Aaron Richmond KQ4FFR
Buddy Tison KK4RXC	Kyle Richmond KA1FKR
Linda Visman KN4KJC	John Smith K3GO
Richard Wallace KG6YEM	David Wilcox K8WPE

- Bob Sileo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm ET and called for the Pledge to the Flag.
- Bob Sileo recognized new members as well as some that we had not seen in a long time and a new General class amateur.
- Approval of the Minutes- Allen Wyatt summarized the December minutes, Linda Visman moved to approve as written, seconded and approved unanimously.
- Approval of the Treasurers Report- Kevin gave a report of the current treasury, John Brittingham moved that the report be approved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

- First item of Business was the roster for the Wednesday evening phone net. It has been static for some time and there is interest in going back to the previous method of removing names of members that have not checked in during the past 5 weeks and those non-members who have not checked in during the past 3 weeks. This was discussed at length with several of the net controllers indicating that the existing roster has many names that do not answer creating a boring net. One indicated that it is embarrassing to call so many that do not attend. A couple of alternate suggestions were made but it seemed the consensus was to return to the old weighted 5 and 3 system to help insure a lively net with fewer no answers.
 - Allen Wyatt made the motion to return to the older system and Richard Visman seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.
 - Kevin Pellegrino, the net chairman, reminded the net controllers that for this to work, he would have to get an attendance report after each net.
- The next item of business was the survey that our new president has forwarded to the members. So far, he has received 17 responses with interesting results. These results will be posted to the club website as they were extensive and would have taken a long time to review in detail. The Survey will remain open until mid-January to allow additional people to respond and make their interests known.
- Winter Field is coming up on January 28th and 29th. The site is not firmed up yet, but it will likely be at either Anastasia State Park or Favor Dykes State Park. The Fairgrounds site will also be investigated though at last report was occupied for this date. There will be an online planning session later in the month to work out details as well as a survey to determine interest. The online session will likely be on Google Meets (Bob will send out instructions when finalized).
- Richard Visman brought up an additional business item. He suggested that the club initiate an email "Reflector" so that club members could exchange thoughts, ideas, news, DX opportunities etc. John Smith volunteered to administer/moderate the "Reflector". There was a comment that there could be a charge for this or that if not at this time, the club could trigger a charge if interest went over a certain level.
 - Rick Hatton moved to set up a club "reflector" on group.io, so long as there is no charge for doing so. If there is, the subject can be revisited at a later meeting. Also, there will be a provision for a moderator but only to review posts to ensure things don't get political or heated.
 - Joe Logan seconded the motion and Bob called the question. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Program: Bob presented a program on his experiences with DMR. He was assisted by John Stahl has been working with DMR extensively. Bob and John covered such topics as Talk groups, Hoseline, getting your DMR ID, using your cellphone to talk on DMR (either android or iPhone). It was brought up that the

club repeater appears to have lost its internet connection. The use of a hotspot was brought up. Bob reiterated that a hands-on workshop might be appropriate as there was so much to cover and the presentation had to gloss over the details. When it comes to DMR “the devil is in the details”. John added that he had been a ham for many years but has always been a technician class ham limited to VHF/UHF and that DMR has now allowed him to make contacts all over the world including Japan and Australia.

- The last item was the 50/50 drawing, which was won by Ron Morgan.
- The next meeting will be February 7th and is planned to be held again at the Airport Conference Room.

Approved at the Feb 7, 2023 Meeting
Allen Wyatt

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen Wyatt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.