



St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society

MEETING MINUTES (Draft)

June 6, 2023

Regular Meeting at the Airport Conference Room

Attendees

John Albertson AK4N	Frank Sileo N1PE
Joe Barnhart KQ4ECD	John Smith K3GO
John Brittingham KO4SMB	Diane Rabideau-Wise WA4ZDQ
Toney Chaney KF8RP (and wife)	Buddy Tison KK4RXC
Jackson Driskell KB4B	Franco Venturi K4VZ
Jack Ernissee K4KSW	Linda Visman KN4KJC
Dennis Fernandez N4KPI	Richard Visman NN2T
Mike Frame KN4FKC	Richard Wallace KG6YEM
Rick Hatton KK4GGL	Allen Wyatt W4YO
Leo Kim KQ4HWF	
Ed Manfredi W4EML	Guests:
Ron Morgan KM4AC	Mike Jordan WE4MJ
Doug Parmeter KK4FZT	Charlie Henley KJ4TKE
Clint Porter KC4LOV	Steve Warwick KQ4SJW
Larry Sapp WD8SEL	
Bob Sileo N2PE	

- 1) Bob Sileo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm ET and asked members to stand for the Pledge to the Flag.
- 2) Approval of the Minutes- Motion to approve as written by John Smith, seconded and approved unanimously.
- 3) Approval of the Treasurers Report – The report was read.. Motion to approve by Jack Ernissee, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- 4) Discussion Items:
 - a) Tee Shirts that were ordered are in and are being distributed. Many thanks to John Albertson for making all the arrangements with Sports Corner and getting the order together. For those that might be interested but have not yet ordered, we will likely put together another order later in the year.
- 5) This month's events.
 - a) Friday lunches (well attended) (Neds)
 - b) Last Saturday Breakfast – June 24, 2023 (The Spot)
- 6) Next Operating Events

- a) Field Day
 - i) June 24-25, 2023
 - ii) St Johns County Fairgrounds Schoolhouse (already reserved) We will have air conditioning!
 - iii) An Event Chairperson is needed.
 - iv) There will be a Zoom meeting just before the event in order to work out some details. A notice will be sent out with instructions for the Zoom.
 - v) A survey will go out to find out who plans to attend. Please respond so that the food can be planned.

- b) International Lighthouse and Lighthouses Weekend
 - i) August 19-20, 2023
 - ii) St Augustine Lighthouse
 - iii) Need and event chairperson.

- 7) Other business: Richard Visman mentioned that he will be activating Anastasia State Park June 12-13. He will be in camp site 62. Also, he and Linda are considering a fall DXpedition to Grand Bahama Island. If you have an interest in possibly joining him please get in contact soon as plans must be made.

- 8) The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm following the appropriate motion and approval.

- 9) **Program: Michael Jordan WE4MJ: ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service).**
 - a) After recognizing club members who are also members of ARES, Mike gave a presentation on how ARES fits into the St Johns County Emergency Operations Center and what role it is to play in responding to emergencies and disasters such as hurricanes. He gave an overview of what was asked of ARES during the last several hurricanes that passed near St Augustine and impacted the citizens of the county and city. In each of these events, ARES was able to man the EOC as well as the shelters and Flagler hospital. He displayed some photos of how the shelters (schools) are set up during an evacuation event.
 - b) Additionally, Mike gave an overview of some of the means of communication used by ARES. These tools were needed during a recent simulated emergency exercise. That exercise simulated a hacking attack on communications infrastructure in Florida that disabled all internet, phone, and cell service in the state resulting in chaos and panic. The exercise required the use of the repeater, SARnet, vhf simplex, and Winlink (both peer to peer and via HF to host stations outside of the impacted area.)
 - c) Mike responded to a few questions regarding ARES Winlink capabilities.

- 10) The 50/50 won by John Brittingham KO4SMB

- 11) There will be no meeting in July due to holidays, vacations etc. The next regular meeting will be August 1st. Details will be sent via email and posted online.

