

St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday January 7, 2025

Via Google Meets

John Albertson AK4N Bob Sileo N2PE Tom Ball John Smith K3GO Anthony Cinelli KG4JSK Barry Speiser W2LJA Janet Dougherty KO4YYN Tim Stack N4ONO Michael Frame KN4 FKC **Buddy Tison KK4RXC** Leo Kim KQ4HWF Linda Visman KN4KJC Richard Hatton KK4GGL Richard Visman NN2T Richard Wallace KG6YEM Richard Lubin KE7GRW Jack Maier KQ4TRB Allen Wyatt W4YO

Diane Rabideau-Wise Mike Randazzo KO4PDI

Brandon Scherff KR4ABH Guest: Andrew Milluzzi KK4LWR

Business portion of the Meeting

- 1) Bob Sileo called the meeting to order at about 6:30 pm ET.
- 2) Pledge to the US flag.
- Recognition of new members and guests.
 (Brandon Scherff, Tom Ball, Richard Lubin)
- 4) Approval of November 5, 2024, meeting minutes.
 Allen Wyatt has distributed draft minutes via email for review by club members.
 Barry Speiser moved to approve the minutes as written, Richard Visman seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the members present.
- 5) Treasurer's report: A report was not available.
- 6) Nominations for 2025 slate of officers. Bob called for nominations for officers for 2025. None were forthcoming. This will be taken up again at the next meeting.
- 7) Up Coming Events:
 - Winter Field Day
 - i) Sat/Sun January 25/26, 2025
 - ii) Armstrong Park 4950 Harvey Ave, Elkton, FL 32033
 - Florida State Parks on the Air
 - i) Sat/Sun, April 5/6, 2025
 - ii) Faver-Dykes State Park
 - Next Meeting Tuesday Feb 4, 2025, Airport Conference Room

8) A motion was made to adjourn the business portion of the meeting by Richard Visman and seconded by Allen Wyatt at 6:50 pm.

Program: ARRL Happenings and updates on the amateur radio world. Andy Milluzzi KK4LWR, ARRL Vice Director Southeast Region

Mr. Milluzzi filled us in on various details about the ARRL including its defense of our spectrum which is the backbone of our hobby. He mentioned that Amateur Radio Operators are about 0.2% of the population of the US but command a very significant portion of the radio spectrum and much of that spectrum is coveted by commercial entities. The higher frequencies VHF and UHF are particularly threatened. He also discussed the rise in cost at the ARRL that has resulted in an unpopular increase in dues and a change to magazine subscriptions.

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