

St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 1, 2025

NE Florida Regional Airport Conference Room

Alan Alsobrook KD4QOF
Janet Dougherty KO4YYN
Warren Feldman KF4DLH
Dennis Fernandez N4KPI
Michael Frame KN4FKC
Jerry Haley KJ4ZFU
Ted Hill W4PZC
Leo Kim KQ4HWF
Frank Kirbyson KN4CLP
Sue Kirbyson KN4KNC
William Kizer KQ4OHB
Joseph Logan III KO4VOY
Buzz Mikios WA4GPM
Larry Sapp WD8SEL

James Scoggins, Jr KQ4SXE Bob Sileo N2PE Larry Slight W4TKJ John Smith K3GO Bret Sovine KO4ZXN Craig Wisman W3LCI

Guest & Signins- dues 2025
Kevin Pelligrino KM4PHI
Eric Stone KF4EIL
Drew Miller KK4VPC* (guest)
Harlan Silvers K1JAX* (guest)

Business portion of the Meeting

- 1) Bob Sileo called the meeting to order at about 6:33 pm ET.
- 2) Pledge to the US flag.
- 3) Recognition of new members and guests. Drew Miller and Harlan Silvers
- 4) Approval of February 5, 2024, meeting minutes.
 Allen Wyatt has distributed draft minutes from March 2025 via email for review by club members. John Smith moved to approve of the minutes as written, Brett Sovine seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the members present.
- 5) Treasurer's report: Joe Logan presented a treasurer's report. Kevin Pelligrino moved to approve, and John Smith seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the members present. Current status of funds this month is \$6405.
- 6) New officers for the club: Joe Logan III KO4VOY-Treasurer, John Smith K3GO-Secretary and Bob Sileo N2PE-President for up 2025. We still have need for Vice President opening. Bob requested anyone who can please volunteer. Thanks for Alan and Kevin for their services the previous years.
- 7) Upcoming Events:
 - Florida State Parks on the Air Saturday April 5, 2025
 - Please communicate your intent to attend this coming Saturday at the Fever-Dykes State park. Honor system admission is \$5 unless you hold current Florida Park pass. We typically show up between 8 and 9 AM and operate

most of the day leaving that evening. Hours of 10AM to 6PM. Very Casual event. Please bring your own radios and antenna setups for testing, operation etc. Park does not like any wires in the trees so bring self supporting systems (like buddi-poles), trail hitch mounted verticals, and the like. Club will also have two radios setup as there is 110VAC power in the covered area club reserved. Jim KQ4SQE will bring club equipment which someone may help to setup. Kevin ask about alcohol beverages in the park? (Only allowed in designated concessionaire-operated restaurants, lodges within campsite generally not allowed.)

- Field Day
 - i) Saturday, June 28, and Sunday June 29, 2025
 - ii) St Johns County Fairgrounds Meeting House
 - iii) Plenty of trees, a/c operations in school house
- International Lighthouse (Larry) in August
- Looking at doing the top deck of the Fort Castillo de San Marcos to improve awareness of amateur radio and community outreach.
- 8) Next Monthly Meeting
 - Tuesday May 6, 2025, 6:30 pm
 - ZOOM meeting
 - Philip Gladstone will be the guest covering his PSK Reporter project which spots and reports amateur radio signals. Lots of great information will be presented be sure to attend.
- 9) Other Business
 - Officers: Bob Sileo stated that two members have agreed to serve as officers, John Smith K3GO as Secretary replacing Allen Wyatt and Joe Logan KO4VOY replacing Kevin Pelligrino as Treasurer. Allen Wyatt made a motion to place John Smith's name in nomination for Secretary and Joe Logan's name in nomination for Treasurer. Kevin Pelligrino seconded the motion. Bob called for a show of hands and the motion carried unanimously.
 - Topic of meeting time going back to 7PM was mentioned as well has problem for some in driving after dark. Will be topic for future meeting.
 - Bob has met with Frank and Sue in obtaining a free meeting place for the club going forward. Fraternal Order of Pollice #113 on 5050 Inman Road for the June meeting. Assuming all goes well this could become our new permanent meeting place.
- 10) A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at about 8:20 pm.
- 11) Excellent Program on SDR by Bob with demos/slides which ended at 8:20.