Alachua ARES/NFARC/NF4AC Clubs

MINUTES

October 14, 2026

Attendance 20: The meeting was held at the Gainesville Christian Community School at 1540 NW 34th street and via ZOOM.

Gordon Gibby
Jeff Capehart
Susan Halbert
Judith Rosemary Jones
Mark McDow
Ron Lewis
Brian Joy
Earl Sloan
Dean Covey
Brett Wallace
Brett W. Wallace
Tom Warren
Ryan Wilkerson
John Simonds

Via Zoom:

Brett Wallace
Mike Hasselbeck
Earl McDow
Hugh Minnich
Manish Sahni

Guests:

Ava McGoorty
Ella Bente
Jasmine Wagenblast
Grace Wippler-Shaw
Fabian Rodriquez

- Introductions.
- MINUTES FROM **SEPTEMBER 2026** meetings were accepted.
- PREVIOUS MONTH ARES HOURS REPORT. 134.5 hours for September 2026.
- **OLD BUSINESS.** None.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

  Mark McDow shared information he has put together by looking at our website, club callsigns, and reviewing the group's digital footprint. No common or standard name for the group was observed. The NF4RC callsign was noted to expire in November 2026. There was also an expired NF4AC.club website, but Gordon mentioned that no website was ever planned for NF4AC. The EOC can't view Wordpress websites due to the county's IT allowed domain and web filtering security system. The goal was to not be dependent on any specific person. A suggestion was made to use GITHUB free for things like reminders, to-do lists, and shared documents. Items could be made Public, Members, Internal, Restricted, or other grouping names. Mark was commended for his good research and was encouraged to investigate further and recommend a plan.

- **PROGRAM** Brett Wallace, NH2KW, presented the AAR from the Black Swan 2026 exercise and also mentioned some updates regarding the Alachua County MeshCore project. John Simonds, KC4NWK, mentioned that he needs access to Beaty Towers for the MESHcore install but that it has been difficult gaining access to the facility. Rosemary mentioned that she needs some help with antenna work.

- **ADJOURNMENT**. At 2031 EST.