



Newsletter of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society

This edition of the GARS Mouth will bring you up to date on plans for Field Day, proposed bylaw amendments and other club happenings.

The Old Goat's Breakfast has resumed at Country Foodly at 5240 NW 34th Street on Friday mornings. Check out the chatter on the 146.820 repeater to see who is headed that way.

ARRL Field Day chaired by Shannon Boal (K4GLM)

This year's Field Day event has been complicated by the COVID restrictions. The club is planning for a successful event in spite of the unknown restriction timeline. The physical location of the club station will be at the Waldo School. This new (to us) location has the benefit of air conditioning. Gatherings of more than 10 people are currently prohibited. Shannon is investigating remote control of the station to help us meet that restriction. Members would sign up to cover an operating time slot. In this way we should be able to the full 24 hour contact window.

The public and social components of Field Day are important aspects that will be significantly impacted. There is no potluck dinner planned and we will need to go virtual with our contacts. Public outreach will be pursued through media releases, Facebook, and club webpage updates.

Notice of proposed bylaw changes

A special thanks to Bob Guertin (W1GLV) for chairing the bylaw revision committee. The most recent revision was in 2007, so there are a few updates needed to keep up with the times. The proposed changes are slated for a vote at the June meeting. It will be very important to have quorum for this meeting so please make an extra effort to check in.

The current bylaws are posted on the club website <http://www.gars.club/index/GARS%20By-Laws.pdf>. There are 10 proposed changes are provided below. Typically an explanation of the change is given with markup, followed by the official text in courier font. Suggested deletions are highlighted in yellow. Additions are in green. If you have any concerns, please contact John Troupe before June 15th at president@gars.club.

Proposed change #1 Article 1: section 3 part b) Definition of a family member.

b) Family member: An additional member of **a household** family holding a current, valid F.C.C. amateur radio license shall be considered a full member upon payment of a fee established by the Board of Directors where the household contains a full member in good standing. **This fee shall reflect the savings of a joint issue of the newsletter.**

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Proposed change #2 Article 1: section 3- remove parts e) & f)

~~e) A person, who wishes only to receive the newsletter and not be a full member, may do so by paying the cost that shall be set the Board of Directors.~~

~~f) Associate Member: Any person who agrees with the purposes and objectives of the SOCIETY (as listed in Section 2 of the SOCIETY'S By Laws) who has paid the Associate Member fee established by the Board of Directors. Associate Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Full Members with the exceptions of the privilege of holding an elected office and of voting on SOCIETY business.~~

Proposed change #3 Article 3: section 3 Definition of secretary's duties

The secretary shall attend all meetings of the SOCIETY and all sessions of the Board of Directors. The secretary shall keep a permanent record of the proceedings of each meeting, keep a roll of the members, carry on SOCIETY correspondence, ~~transmit a monthly report to the ARRL Section Communications Manager, [and] report on all correspondence received by the SOCIETY, shall be the custodian of a current list of all equipment owned by the SOCIETY, and serve as parliamentarian.~~

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Proposed change #4 Article 3: section 4 Add to the definition of treasurer's duties

The treasurer shall be the custodian of a current list of all equipment owned by the SOCIETY.

Change:

The treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Directors, shall have charge of the funds of the SOCIETY. The treasurer shall make an annual, as well as a monthly, report of the SOCIETY's financial activities. The treasurer shall be immune from suit by the SOCIETY or individual members thereof, for loss of SOCIETY funds in the treasurer's custody where such loss is not the proximate result of the treasurer's willful and wrongful act, or the treasurer's culpable negligence.

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Proposed change #5 Article 3: section 5 Board of Directors

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Proposed change #6 Article 4: section 1 Quorum Definition

Change:

Quorum: Twenty-five Full Members in good standing, present at any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum.

To read:

Quorum: 15% of Full Members as of April 1st every year in good standing, present at any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Proposed change #7 Article 4: section 3 Dues add a part b)

b) Dues are payable as of January 1st of the year, and are considered delinquent as of April 1st of the year. Those members delinquent as of April 1st shall be dropped from the active club membership roster, and shall no longer be considered members in good standing. Additionally, delinquent members shall not be permitted to participate in club events as it presented an insurance liability issue. Such individuals must pay the appropriate individual or family membership dues, plus the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) to return to being a member in good standing.

Proposed change #8 Article 5: section 1 Alter reference to Newsletter

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Proposed change #9 Article 6: section 1 Donations

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Proposed change #10 Article 7: section 2 Alter reference to Newsletter

The members of this SOCIETY may, by a majority vote of those members present and voting, alter or amend these by-laws at any general meeting or special meeting called for this purpose, provided that notice of intent to amend has been published ~~in the official newsletter~~ on the website at least one month prior to the meeting.

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