

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)  
August 8, 2015

A meeting of the Executive Board (Board of Directors) of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society was held on Saturday, August 8, 2015, at the home of Hal Helms, WA4QLA and Faye Helms, KM4HXM, in High Springs, Florida. The meeting was called to order by the President, Pete Winters, W4GHP, at 6:45 o'clock PM. The following members of the Executive Board were in attendance in addition to Mr. Winters:

Shannon Boal, K4GLM  
Jeff Capehart, W4UFL  
Bob Guertin, W1GLV  
Hal Helms, WA4QLA

Larry Rovak, WB2SVB  
Ronnie Smith, KJ4HBF  
Susan Tipton, K9PDL  
Sam Ullman, K4ZVD

Also in attendance were Debra Boal, KI4CVS, and Faye Helms, KM4HXM.

The President announced that J.T. Kirby, WN4O, had passed away.

The President called for the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer delivered her report, which indicated that GARS is solvent.

The President called for the report of the webmaster, Bob Guertin. He announced that the GARS website, <http://www.gars.net> is up and running. The Board thanked Bob for his good work. Questions or comments can be addressed to Bob.

The President called for the report of the Repeater Trustee. Shannon Boal, the Repeater Trustee, reported on the status of the antenna changes. He also reported that the repeaters were being changed to accept both digital and analog communication. There was discussion of the problems with the shack door, the maximum "key down" time and the cooling system in the shack.

The Vice President, Jeff Capehart, reported on hurricane preparedness and gave a Red Cross update report.

The Tower Trailer Committee, chaired by Shannon Boal, reported on the tower trailer, which is now owned by GARS, and the work that will be necessary to restore it for use.

The National Preparedness Month Event will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM until 2 PM at the NW Baptist Church, located at 5514 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Gainesville, Florida. GARS has been asked to set up a simple station to demonstrate the use of amateur radio communications during emergencies, primarily for middle school children.

The President announced that the Fall Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at San Felasco Park on NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Way.

The President discussed that plans were being made to hold additional fund-raising events. He announced that there are more than 600 hams living in Alachua County. He is looking into a membership drive for GARS that will include a bulk mailing to the local hams.

The President announced that Hal Helms has been appointed GARS Public Information Officer. The Board agreed that there is a need to publicize GARS and its events.

The President announced that GARS will assume the "Easter Egg Hunt for the Blind" project that had been administered by members Carol Chesney, KG4FEX, and Vann Chesney, AC4QS. Carol and Vann are moving to Virginia.

The Vice President then discussed plans for programs at the upcoming General Membership Meetings. The August meeting program will feature some material from ARRL. The September program will be a presentation by Ryan Lee. The tentative October program will be a presentation by Rob Carr. The November program will be a short presentation and elections for 2016.

The president announced that he would be appointing committees for the Ham of the Year Award, the Rusty Drainpipe Award and the Christmas Party.

The President announced that next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Thursday, September 3, 2015, at 7:00 o'clock PM at the home of Bob Guertin, 5033 SW 81<sup>st</sup> Drive, Gainesville, Florida 32608 (ph. 352-376-9893).

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, adjourned at 8:50 o'clock PM.



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Samuel C. Ullman, Secretary