

Executive Board Meeting Minutes
12/01/2016

A meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society executive board was held December 1, 2016 at Robert Guertin's W1GLV, home. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Pete Winters, W4GHP. The following members of the Board were in attendance, in addition to President Winters.

Vann Chesney AC4QS Bob Guertin W1GLV Larry Rovack WB2SVB

Shannon Boal K4GLM Susan Tipton K9PDL Jeff Capehart W4UFL

Sam Ullman K4ZVD Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ

The President announced that there were no sickness and health issues.

The President then called for a report from the secretary, Sam Ullman, who brought up the fact that it is almost time to file the clubs tax return, the corporate report to the State of Fl. Dept. of State. Also an updated License for Tax exemption and a renewal to solicit charitable contributions.

The President called for the treasurer's report. Susan reported all is well.

The President called on the repeater trustee. Shannon said all of the repeaters are fine, and he is upgrading the firmware to help eliminate the squelch problems. He has also been asked by the Santa Fe College Amateur radio head to help with some problems at their sight.

The President then stated that the GARS Public Information Officers position is vacant and that he is temporarily doing the job.

The President then asked for the ARES report. Jeff stated that the Red Cross had gotten the call sign NFR4C, and that our desk and equipment is up and running. He then said a local MOU needs to be written. The Red Cross ARES Meetings will be held on the 2nd Wed. of each month. The next will be Dec. 14th 2016 from 7:00PM to 8:30 PM at the Red Cross office.

The President then called on the V.P. / Webmaster. Bob reported that all meeting minutes, except the current year, will now be archived.

The President brought up this year's Christmas party. It is Dec 15th 2016 at the Waldo Baptist Church. You may come as early as you would like, social hour is from 6:00PM to 7:00PM Dinner is at 7:00PM.

Also mentioned, Operation Santa delivery will be held on Saturday Dec. 17th at the field in front of SFC. Vann Chesney will be in charge of the event. Set up will start at 8:00 AM, and should be completed by 9:00 AM. The event will start at 10:00 AM. We will get the Girl Scouts to help us set up. We will also be giving candy canes to the children who talk to Santa and Mrs. Santa.

Also discussed is the Hamfest 2017, which is scheduled on Saturday April 29th at The First Baptist Church in Waldo. Larry Rovak will be running the event. A 12' space with a two 6' table and 2 chairs and 2

admission tickets will cost \$20.00. Indoor tables will be available for non-vendors. The space will also be 10' with one 6' table and a chair for \$10. ARRL VE license exam sessions will be given inside. Food will be available. Door prizes and a Grand prize will be awarded. The flyer for the hamfest was unanimously approved. Vendors will be able to pay for their spaces by PayPal or SASE.

Pete would like the board members to be the programs committee. To set up programs for the general meetings, such as show and tell, education and public speakers. Jeff is trying to get FEMA director Craig Fugate to appear to speak.

Pete also suggested a lottery for all members to make up a program for a meeting, we will select a name and you will have 90 days to come up with a program or speaker for a future meeting. This motion was unanimously approved.

Shannon brought up winter field day. Which will tentatively be at the end of January, 2017. He is concerned about the weather in Space and how it may affect the transmitting. He wants to set up by a body of water. Some possible locations are M.K. Rawlings Park, Lockloosa Park, Noonan's Lake, Payne's Prairie, and Bar Hammock Preserve. Any additional suggestions would be appreciated.

New Business, Susan brought up the new patches for GARS. Jane is working on the logo for the new patch. Susan also said we need real presentations at our general meetings. We also need a new place to meet, we have to find a different venue. Where we currently meet is not working out.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was duly made and seconded and unanimously adopted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM

For:

Gregory C. Sporer, Secretary-Elect