

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2018

President Peter Winters opened the February executive board meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society at 7 PM.

Present at the meeting: President Peter Winters W4GHP, Vice President Shannon Boal's K4GLM Treasurer Susan Tipton K9PDL, Webmaster Bob Guertin W1GLV, ARES coordinator Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Board members, Larry Rovak WB2SVB, Sam Ullman K4ZVD, Vann Chesney AC4QS, Associate Board Member Ronald Smith KJ4HBF and Secretary Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ.

Sickness/Health and Welfare: Walt Johnson is doing superbly. His medication has been changed and he seems to have a new lease on life.

Secretary's report: The Secretary had nothing to report

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer had nothing to report

Webmaster's report: our little part of the web is working just fine.

ARES report: the February ARES meeting will be held at the Red Cross building on February 7 from 6 to 9 PM. There will be a symposium on Emergency Communication. All are welcome it will be held at Santa Fe college on February 24, 2018. The National Hurricane Conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Orlando on March 27 from 10:30 AM till noon there will be an AM radio workshop which will be free for all hams.

Repeater trustee/VP: the repeaters are working well. Pete will be getting in touch with Rob Carr for a tour of the WUFT transmitter site. It is hoped that this can be done soon as the daylight hours are going in our favor. Shannon and Pete will be preparing a memo to Rob Carr asking for technical advice in separating the combined antenna for the 146.985 (VHF), and the 444.925 (UHF) frequencies.

President's report:

Winter Field Day: was the best we've ever had. There was only one glitch with a microphone that kept electrocuting our President unfortunately he is still with us and the problem is being looked into. Propagation was very good and we had lots of visitors who turned up to find out more about Amateur Radio and maybe becoming members of our club.

5 Points of Life, still needs a few more volunteers to man all the stations, if you're ready willing and able to attend we could sure use your help, thank you. Gus Clifton KK4ACA is our event coordinator. The event will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2018. Get in touch with Gus or Pete if you can help.

Hamfest: Larry Rovak is the GARS Hamfest Coordinator, he needs many volunteers to make the event a success. We will need tables, as GARS will not be able to borrow them from the Friends of the Library this year, as their spring sale opens on the day of our Hamfest. If you have a 6-foot, or 8 foot table that you can loan to the club for the day it would be appreciated. If you have any tables to loan, you will get

a free raffle ticket to win one of our many glorious prizes! Larry has a previous commitment for the Orlando Hamcation weekend and will be unable to attend. He needs members who are going to the Orlando Hamcation the weekend of February 9, 10th and 11th to help hand out GARS Hamfest informational flyers. If you are going to Hamcation please let Larry or Pete know.

The club has acquired a partial role of hard-line from ASO, plus some other items. I have contacted Rob Carr of WRUF about some proposed upgrades that GARS should be thinking about for the repeater site.

Programs:

February: Software Defined Radios, will be presented by Bob Guertin.

March: is open at present, possibly the WRUF transmitter site tour might be on for that night. More to come

A Motion was put to the board to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and approved at 7:50 PM.

May God, bless you and God bless America. Have a happy St. Valentine's Day!

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary, GARS.