

General Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2018

President Peter Winters brought the February general meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 6:30 PM. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then started the introductions.

Sickness/Health and Welfare: Walt Johnson is in the Tri-County rehabilitation center and is in good spirits and still very sharp. Ed Sills AF4VC, is in Palm Gardens which is located on SW. 62nd St. which is on the east side of the mall if you are going south it's on the left. He is bored out of his skull so please go visit him if you can. Shayna Gilbreath is in the hospital again. Hopefully they'll be able to figure out what is wrong and fix it.

Secretary's report: The Secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer explained January's financial report and it is balanced.

A Motion was put to the membership to approve the budget it was seconded and approved.

Webmaster's report: The website is working well.

ARES report: ARRL section manager position for this area is open for nominations you can still apply for this position. ARES has a website to see what events are available to sign up for and register for and the dates and hours in which they will be held. Go to the ARES website for further information. The next ARES meeting will be held on March 14 at the Red Cross office from 6 PM to 8 PM there will be a class on high-frequency antennas and high-frequency win link specifically high-frequency server side of win link.

Repeater Trustee/VP: The repeaters are up and working fine.

President's report:

Old Business: The 5 points of life Marathon post event recap; the event was this past Sunday, February 18, 2018. Gus Clifton KK4ACA was the event coordinator. He spoke and wanted to thank all the volunteers for manning all the stations and to let us know that there were little or no problems.

GARS Hamfest, Saturday, April 21, 2018, is coming up quickly advance tickets are available from Pete they are five dollars now and \$7.50 that the door. Larry Rovak WB2SVB, is the event coordinator again this year. The biggest problem we have is getting hold of tables so please let Larry know as soon as possible if you can loan some tables. We have two paid vendors. We are down three vendors from last year two of which have gone out of business and one that just can't make it and there are two vendors who are promising to come.

March 4 Babies Saturday, April 14, 2018 GARS will continue our participation in this annual event. Gus Clifton KK4ACA is our event coordinator he spoke to us and said the walk is only going to be 4 miles long with only 4 water stations and it will be held at Celebration Point, a.k.a. Bass Pro. In Gainesville.

Future programs:

March: Open at present. A proposed tour of the WRUF transmitter site has been rescheduled to a future meeting date.

April: Hamfest preparations.

May: Open at present.

Afterthoughts:

The North Florida Symposium on Emergency Communications will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 7 AM to 7 PM it will be held in the R-1 building at Santa Fe college. This event is directed and sponsored by GARS member Gordon Gibby KX4Z. The event is full, however, if you are interested and have not yet signed up you can be put on the waiting list and be in line for possible cancellations. For further information contact Gordon at ggibby@anest.ufl.edu, or at 352-246-6183. Lunch and supper will be provided.

A Motion to adjourn was put to the members it was seconded and approved at 8:30 PM.

May God bless you and God bless America.

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary GARS