

2019 February GARS E-board minutes

Called to order 6:53

Vann Chesney AC4QS,  
Carol Chesney KG4FEX,  
Shannon Boal K4GLM,  
Debbie Boal KI4CVS  
Pete Winters W4GHP  
Larry Rovak WB2SVB  
Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ.  
Bob Guertin W1GLV

Sickness and health: Sandy has just been discharged from hospital after episode of low blood pressure.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

Webmaster: Service has been upgraded.

\*\*\* ARES: (submitted in writing by Jeff Capehart prior )  
FEB 2019 ALACHUA ARES UPDATE:

We have 40 Alachua ARES members registered in ARES Connect. FL EMCOMM Conference: 2/2 - 2/3 60 hams attended. A full scale exercise was held Saturday morning. The conference featured 29 presentations and building sessions for go-boxes, digital wire-up, PowerPoles, Winlink, and more. Reviews of the exercise and overall conference were very positive! Conference score was 4.6(out of 5). 16 volunteers helped organize, run, and present at the conference including 10 GARS members. Rick Palm, K1CE, will be writing a QST article about it in the Public Service column and said the team did a superb job.

#### Winter Field Day:

18 hams (in ARES Connect) plus 4 more (total 22) participated in Winter Field Day on 1/26.

#### Background Checks:

Less than half of ARES members meet State deployment requirements of ICS-100,200,700,and 800 plus a background check. Alachua County requirements add in the EC-001 Basic Emergency Communications course. If members want to be deployable under the law, they need to get their RACES memberships in quickly. Colonel Huckstep is going to make the background checks happen. (See NF4RC website). Next ARES Meeting: Feb 13 @ Red Cross 7pm. Topics to include review of the EMCOMM Conference, traffic net practice, microwave applications, and "Reflections 3.0 - Final Mysteries Explained. Impedances in series and parallel, how to do them easily on a graphical system."

#### ARRL News:

ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U, has announced that he will depart ARRL on February 15 to pursue another career opportunity. He has been part of the ARRL staff since 2010.

Details: <http://www.arrl.org/news/view/arrl-emergency-preparedness-manager-to-step-down> The Northern Florida Section ARRL will hold its annual forum at 11am at Orlando Hamcation. ARRL Southeastern Division Director Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, and many Field Organization volunteers will be present. ARRL will also have a booth at Hamcation.

\*\*\* end ARES report \*\*\*

Secretary report:

Presented draft of club contact cards. We have received reminder that our club license from FCC needs to be renewed and requests for donations to WUFT.

Treasurer report:

Reimbursed for Winter Field day, upgrading QTH web account, and cost of printing 1000 Hamfest fliers. In addition, we have a rubber stamp for the treasurer.

VP & repeater trustee report:

444.925 issues with connection to SAR net. The hardware issues aren't on our end. We can't really fix it until there is another problem at the site. SARnet had issues with Panama City deployment. Panama City SARnet link was fixed about a day into our deployment, as well as the Appalachicola machine, Kudos to Randy Pierce.

OLD BUSINESS

- Hamfest:

Tomorrow will hand out flyers at Hamcation. Already have confirmed 5 vendors. Thirty tables on reserve for that weekend. We will try to get the youth group to help with the pick up and drop off of tables. Delivery of tables cost \$150. They will need to be returned on Monday. Simplex for Hamcation 146.55 for GARS and local ARES.

- Five points of life

List of 16 volunteers will have positions confirmed tomorrow. We have had good response. Only a few hams will be given liaison access lanyards / badges.

- Field Day preparations

Will try to borrow Gordon's generator and FEMORs trailer. Shannon will accept Field Day chair. Will use more low band antennas. We will also have a work day to look at noise issues. Will try to get Sheriff's trailer (MCV). Larry will probably not be able to attend, but will provide computers and software.

NEW BUSINESS

- Future presentations

Debbie Boal learned some great tips about running club meetings from the recent conference. One of the things we should try is having training at the meetings. Also we will have club members introduce new comers. Joe Bassett is scheduled to February's presentation. Larry will have Field Day data logging training for March meeting. Carol and Vann have a backup presentation available

- VEC renewal

our FCC license needs to be renewed in April. Shannon is taking care of it.

- Insurance renewal

Casualty insurance (for repeater site) needs to be renewed. Pete had a bit of trouble establishing himself on our bank account as treasurer. We now have a credit card for our Campus USA account that we will use to pay insurance and similar bills. We had a claim against Mercer from Hamfest. We have considered moving our insurance to Risk Management (approved ARRL insurance provider) Board approved a motion to get a quote from Risk Management.

-Eboard Communications

Requested to CC board members on official GARS emails from president.

-Ink Jet Printers:

Gordon Gibby donated 3 ink jet printers to the club. Board moved to keep one donated ink jet printer to be used by the secretary for club business and to sell the other two at an appropriate time.