

GARS General Meeting

January 2020

- I. **Opening items:** Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions
- II. **Sickness / Health and Welfare:**
 - a. KK4BXN – in Shands ICU for 2 weeks is recovering and will be out in 1 or 2 days;
 - b. Jeff's dad has passed away K4AQP;
 - c. B-day today –K4NIK 94 year old
- III. **OFFICER REPORTS:**
 - a. Treasurer report:
 - a.i. Nov. - \$547.17 net income increase;
 - a.ii. Reserved building for Hamfest 2020
 - a.iii. Dec. –Christmas dinner expenses and decorations, paper cups for general meetings, trophy shop expenses; net increase \$285.24
 - a.iv. Christmas dinner expenses in detail; Net Income \$34.08; Labor costs increased; (see e-board minutes)
 - b. Secretary report: Check member information
 - c. Webmaster Report: Vann and Carol have been making minor updates
 - d. ARES report:
 - d.i. Section has released standardized training plan, aka “task book”. (only paper copy available)
 - d.ii. NFRC homepage has resources on the sections page
 - d.iii. SAR Net link is still down; The EOC can access via Ocala link. Leland checking in weekly with state. Gordon fixed the antennas.
 - d.iv. 2020 FL Emergency Communications Conference, Feb 29-Mar 1, The Oaks Church, 4160 SW Archer Rd: Gibby is coordinating. On ARES connect page qst.net/nflnc middle top. (Google form sign up)
 - d.v. Guest speaker who wrote data encryption. Teaching voice traffic portion of conference. Govt interoperability personal.
 - d.vi. C101 course being offered during conference Friday and Monday of conference. Hands on experience.
 - d.vii. Gordon Gibby bought a trailer. Lunch and lab Feb 1st. AC choke ballum project.
 - d.viii. Gordon Gibby wrote a FL Baptist Ham Radio group training manual.
 - d.viii.1. Baptist group has 2 PACTOR modems with satellite uplinks.
 - d.viii.2. Can join in on Baptist trainings offered 5x/year around the state. St Augustine is the closest location. At FL Disaster Baptist training. Should do background check prior to training.
 - d.ix. 1 more meeting, Feb 12, before conference.

- e. VP & repeater trustee report: Repeaters are working.
 - e.i. (Final amp blew out connecting them to SAR net. They think...)
 - e.ii. 1 antenna relocated on top of the other – creating a conflict.
- f. President report:
 - f.i. Winter field day Sat.
 - f.i.1. Westside park – Food committee
 - f.i.2. Need people to reserve eastern side table at pavilion around daybreak (Rosemary and vice president)
 - f.i.3. Permit approved by city of Gainesville
 - f.i.4. Need people to set up antennas Friday.
 - f.i.5. ARES has multiband antennas. 857 and tune being supplied with John.
 - f.ii. Could use old community school library for field day in Waldo.
 - f.iii. Hamfest at Waldo church.
 - f.iv. Orlando Hamfest, Hamcation, Feb 7-9 (North section of ARRL)
 - f.v. Summer field day
 - f.v.1. John's suggestions for making field day more competitive.
 - f.v.2. It is a social event to bond with other ham operators.
 - f.v.3. Goal to improve our skills and attract additional hams.
 - f.v.4. QST data: GARS #1 in North FL in our class.
 - f.vi. Eboard meeting at Bob's house if needed. Larry is having ongoing family health issues.

IV. **Presentation / Activity:** Jay Garlitz and DX trip to St Lucia J6/AA4FL Oct 2019 and J68MD