

# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

## January 4, 2018

President Pete Winters opened the January meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society Executive Board meeting at 7 PM.

In attendance were: President Peter Winters, W4GHP. Vice President/Repeater Trustee: Shannon Boal, K4GLM. Webmaster: Bob Guertin W1GLV. Vann Chesney, AC4QS. Larry Rovak WB2SVB. Secretary: Gregory Sporer, KM4OCZ.

Sickness, Health and Welfare: Walt Johnson is going into hospice home care. The cancer is back and his doctor says there is no sense to continue treatment. Walt is not happy with this! Fight the good fight Walt. Larry Rovak, will have knee surgery to his left meniscus on 14 February, happy St. Valentine's Day!

Secretary's report: The Secretary had nothing to report

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer was absent.

Webmaster report: pictures from the Christmas banquet are now on our website if you wish to see them.

ARES report: Jeff was also absent.

Repeater Trustee/VP: repeaters are working well. The Christmas party went well. If you couldn't make it you missed a wonderful party.

President's report:

Old Business: Winter Field Day: January 27, 2018.

GARS Hamfest: April 21, 2018.

New Business:

I wrote a small article for our newsletter the North Florida Amateur Radio Newsletter and added our Christmas photo, at WWW.ARRL.NFL.ORG the editor of the newsletter, Marcia W Brown, was pleased with the article and happy to include it in the newsletter. To get in touch with her email her at WB2VYK@Gmail.com.

Winter Field Day: We are still actively looking for an appropriate site to hold the event.

GARS Hamfest: Tables for vendors will be charged \$10 a piece, that includes a chair and one entry ticket. Tailgate tables will cost \$10 dollars, and one entry ticket. We must get free help to set up unpack and pack up and take down, for the vendors. If you know of any public service groups that would be willing to help please get in touch with Pete or Larry. We need at least 8 6 foot tables, if you have a 6-foot table or know where we can get 6 or even 8 foot tables please get in touch with Larry.

Renewal of the rental agreement with Trinity United Methodist Church. The current rental agreement expires on January 31. Renewal cost will be the same amount, \$25 per month

Five Points of Life Marathon: February 18, 2018.

GARS Publicity: sources of info for events, etc. need to be coordinated so that all places that have info can be disseminated therefore no matter where you go to look something up it's going to be the same. The club website [www.gars.club](http://www.gars.club) is the official site for information for GARS. The information that is available on Facebook is confusing as there are many postings on Facebook under sites like our club. The correct information on Facebook is found under Gainesville Amateur Radio Society. All other postings on Facebook are generally not kept up to date.

Programs:

January: Art Grant KM4YGH is set to present the program. Larry will also have some information on 2018 Hamfest.

February: Bob Guertin W1GLV will present the program. Bob's program is entitled Software Defined Radios. It will be an SDR primer.

March: open at present. We might be able to reschedule our WUFT tour.

April: GARS Hamfest final preparations.

Afterthoughts: upgrading antennas, a workday at the repeater shack will be scheduled after our Winter Field Day.

**A Motion was put to the Board to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and approved at 8:40 PM.**

**May God, bless you and God bless America.**

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary, GARS.