

General Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2018

President Peter Winters called the January meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 6:30 PM. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance afterword's started the introductions.

Sickness/Health and Welfare. Walt Johnson W4TKE is fighting more cancer. He has hospice care in his home and is confined there. He is also in a lot of pain. Ed Sills AF4VC has pancreatitis. He has had many open-heart surgeries. The hospital that he was in gave him the wrong medications and turned him into a vegetable, but when they realized what they had done they changed his medication and is doing very well. He is at the Palm garden rehabilitation center and would love a visit from any and all. Bill Gilbreath K4ALF is out of the hospital. His wife Shayna is back in the hospital. They are trying to figure out why she keeps falling.

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

Treasurer's report: there wasn't a meeting in December so the Treasurer explained November's Treasurer's report and Decembers Treasurer's report. Both reports matched their bank statement's.

A Motion was made to approve both Treasurer's reports it was seconded and approved.

Webmaster's report: website is okay and up to date.

ARES report: February 14, 2018 at the Red Cross office from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM will be the next ARES meeting, all are welcome. A symposium on Saturday, February 24, 2018 will be given by Gordon Gibby KM4YGI, ggibby@anest.ufl.edu, if you wish to attend send him an email.

Repeater trustee/VP: all repeaters are working Well. The Vice President has nothing to report.

President's report:

Old business:

Winter Field Day: will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018. This year's event will be at Westside Park, at the northeast corner of NW. 34th St. and NW. 8th Ave. in Gainesville. GARS will operate from one of the picnic shelters at the south end of the park closest to NW. 8th Ave. The event will run from 9 AM to 3 PM. We will need a few individuals to show up early to secure the shelter for use as the shelters are first come first served. Volunteers are needed for this event we will be setting up one antenna and one station.

Five points of life Marathon: will be held Sunday, February 18, 2018. Gus Clifton KK4ACA, is our event coordinator, he will speak to the membership now. He needs plenty of volunteers to man all the stations that our club will be running, if you can please contact him or one of the officers of our club.

New business

We have renewed the lease, and will continue to use this room, E – 211, for our meetings in 2018.

Tonight's program:

Will be presented by Art Grant KM4YGH, he will talk about portable radio stations that use gas generators and solar panels to charge the batteries that run the radios. He will show us his "Go Bags" which are miniaturized stations that fit into rolling ice chests.

Future programs

February: software defined radios, presented by Bob Guertin W1GLV

March: Open at present.

A Motion to adjourn was made and seconded and approved at 8:10 PM.

May God bless you and God bless America.

Secretary Gregory C Sporer.