

2019 January GARS Eboard meeting

Called to order January 3rd at 7 PM in the house of Larry Rovak. In attendance were Vann Chesney AC4QS, Carol Chesney KG4FEX, Shannon Boal K4GLM, Debbie Boal KI4CVS, Bob Guertin W1GLV, Pete Winters W4GHP, Larry Rovak WB2SVB, Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Susan Tipton K9PDL, and Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ.

Passed gavel from Pete Winters to Debbie Boal
Sickness and health.: Shannon Boal finally OK, No other issues
Transition operations: Bank, post office signatures need to be updated.

OFFICER REPORTS

Webmaster: Added ARRL NFL section button and newsletter to the website

ARES: The connect system is supposed to go live this year. Currently have 33 registered and 7 pending. People can register from the GARS website, but they must use call sign- not just email. The emergency exercise was rescheduled for Jan 19th, but will need to be rescheduled again. The DSTAR1 satellite was recently launched. Also a new geostationary satellite for ham radio.

Secretary transitional report: Box of stuff has been transferred.

Treasurer transitional report: Will meet Sunday for transfer.

VP & repeater trustee report: Trouble getting speaker for meeting. Some reports of 985 not working, but all checks show it to be working fine.

OLD BUSINESS

- Hamfest: Need flyer distribution in Orlando. So far have a few reservations. Tower electronics (Jill) is our anchor vender. Hamfest is weekend of passover and Easter

-January Speaker: Gordon Gibby will have floor for upcoming conference. For future consideration- Jay Garlitz talk about the GARC satellite and Bob on soldering

-Website upgrade: Board voted to upgrade from starter account at \$59/month to best value \$119/month. This increases email address from 4 to an unlimited number and 1Gb storage to unlimited storage

- February speaker will be Shannon Boal on duplexer.

NEW BUSINESS

-Winter Field day: Will be on January 26th (Saturday). Westside Park worked out well last year. Will consider using Hogtown creek headwaters park. We will have hamburgers, hotdog, & chips. A Scoutmaster expressed interest for Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA). They may join us. Larry Rovak will provide laptops with updated logging software.

-Special Events Coordinator: Pete Winters, Greg Sporer, and Vann Chesney will attempt to coordinate for with the 5 Points of Life and March for babies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM

-Carol C. W. Chesney, Secretary