

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.  
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING  
Held on July 20th, 2016

The General Meeting (Business Meeting) of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society, Inc. was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 in the meeting room of the AVMED Headquarters. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. O'clock by the President, Pete Winters, W4GHP.

After introductions by name and call signs of the meeting attendees, the president presented the Sickness, Health and Welfare report. The president remarked that he had made contact with the club secretary's wife Barbara Ullman as to the status of Sam Ullman. The report was that Sam had come through the first of the two surgeries well, but due pneumonia issues, he was still awaiting the second surgery. It was also reported that Shannon K4GLM and Debra KI4CVS Boal, have a new grandchild Abigail Grace, born recently to their daughter Kelly and son-in-law D.J. Flakes.

A very interesting, informative program was presented by Andy Mizulli, KK4LMR, on the "Concepts of DMR Operations", digital communications.

The President presented the Secretary's Report, indicating that all minutes were up to date and posted on the GARS website, and that no correspondence issues were pending.

The President called for the report of the Treasurer. The Treasurer delivered her report.

The President called for the report of the webmaster, Bob Guertin, W1GLV. The Webmaster reported that the GARS website: <http://www.gars.net> is running well.

The Repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal, K4GLM, presented his report.

The President called for the ARES report. Jeff Capehart, W4UFL, presented the report.

The Field Day Chairman, Shannon Boal, K4GLM, gave a post action report for the recent Field Day, held on June 25 and 26, 2016. Shannon indicated that it was a "successful event, and as usual, lessons for the future were learned". Accolades were many, passed out verbally by Shannon. He was exceptionally pleased with the number and dedication to the cause by the operators, loggers, and the technical crew's.

It was mentioned that GARS is working on an "antenna project", to enhance communications between various agencies involved in times of local, state, and national emergencies. The initial proposal will be presented to the Executive Board at the August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 E-Board Meeting, by E Board member, Jeff Capehart W4UFL, the local ARES Co-Coordinator.

Andy Mizulli, of the Gator Amateur Radio Club, mentioned that there will be a one day "Cram and Test Session" to be held and Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The class/test will be held on the UF campus, starting at 8:00 a.m. that day. Andy mentioned that this is primarily for UF/SFC

students, but seats will possibly be available for other parties, depending on reservations received from UF/SFC students. He will advise approximately one week prior to the event on availability of seats for others.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was duly made and seconded and unanimously adopted to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 o'clock PM.

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Beverly Winters\_\_\_\_\_  
Acting Secretary