

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2018

President Peter Winters called the July meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society's Executive Board meeting to order at 7 PM.

Present was: President Peter Winters W4GHP, Repeater Trustee/VP Shannon Boal K4GLM
Treasurer Susan Tipton K9PDL, Webmaster Bob Guertin W1GLV, ARES coordinator Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Secretary Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ, Board Members, Vann Chesney AC4QS, Larry Rovak WB2SVB and Ron Smith KJ 4HBF.

Sickness/Health and Welfare: Nick is getting much better he must now go to physical therapy only every other week.

Secretary's report: The Secretary had nothing to report

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

A Motion was put to the Board to donate \$360 to WRUF/WUFT, it was seconded and approved.

This is the same amount we donated last year.

Webmaster's report: the website is doing well.

ARES report: ARES has 33 members. The Technicians class license test will be held This Coming Saturday July 7th at the end of the weekend long Technicians test class at the EOC. The next ARES meeting will be held July 11 at the Red Cross office on 6th Street from 7 PM to 9 PM, you may come at 6 PM for a social hour. The ARES coordinator will discuss what event he wants at the August ARES meeting. There is talk of a weekend long General class license test class, more info to come as it's available.

Repeater Trustee/VP: our 444.925 repeater is having problems transmitting and receiving from itself to the SARS net. Shannon feels that is either a loose connection or a lightning strike.

President's report:

Pete has gotten in contact with QST to get Walt Johnson's name on the silent key list.

Old business:

Post action report: our summer field day was a gleaming success there were little to no hitches. Things ran smoothly there were plenty of people to set up all our equipment and to tear it all down at the end, plus there were plenty of people who volunteered to be operators during the event. Shannon wants to make sure that he thanks all of you for your participation; it meant a lot to him. Also, a big thumbs up to Don Furlong KM4E0Y, he made sure that the Gainesville Sun was present and that TV 20, WCJB had us on television. He also got the word out to the Gainesville Police Department's Chief of

Police, Tony Jones and to the Alachua County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Col. Huckstep to take time out of their busy schedules to visit us on site. Next year we plan to have a training class for radio operators, so that you can learn how to run the equipment before Field Day, because everybody's radio is different. GARS shirts and patches will be available soon. The patches will cost you \$5 each.

A Motion was put to the board to purchase 100 patches it was seconded and approved.

New business:

A review of GARS professional liability insurance policy. Because of their poor customer service and slow turnaround time to our claims we are going to change our insurer as soon as possible.

I recommend that we invite the new NFL Section Manager, Kevin Bess, to come and speak to the membership. Hopefully we can get him to come in January 2019 and get him involved in our Winter Field Day.

Support for this month's guest speaker: he is going to be giving away a few door prizes. We will be giving out the numbered tickets as we normally do and they will be put in a hat and drawn.

Pete will be out of town so Shannon will be running our July General meeting.

Programs:

July: Ham Radio Deluxe Logging Program; a PowerPoint presentation by Kevin Young KC7FPF.

August: open at present.

September: open at present.

Afterthoughts: Gordon Gibby KX4Z is interested in considering a Ham radio neighborhood watch group for natural disasters and other emergency events. The Hams will have FRS/MURS type radios and non-Hams can get in touch with us using their FRS radios and then we can use our amateur radios to get in touch with emergency management.

A Motion was put to the Board to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and approved at 8:35 PM.

May God, bless you and God bless America.

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary, GARS.