

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2017

President Peter Winters brought the March Executive Board Meeting to order at 7:10 PM. The following members were in attendance:

President Peter Winters W4GHP

Webmaster Bob Guertin W1GLV

ARES Coordinator Jeff Capehart W4UFL

Board Member Sam Ullman K4ZVD

Treasurer Susan Tipton K9PDL

Board Member Vann Chesney AC4QS

Vice President and Repeater Trustee Shannon Boal K4GLM

Secretary Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ

Sickness and health report: Sam is doing well from his recent surgery. Larry has a cold and a bad sore throat.

Secretary's report: Minutes are up to date.

Treasurer's report: All is well. Susan brought up the idea of making the yearly dues due by November of the current year for the following year, this was tabled for further discussion.

Webmaster's report: All is well. Bob brought up that future upgrades to the website will be too hard to maintain in-house and we must find a software program or someone to maintain it. ARRL has membership website software but it is not very good.

Note: if you want a copy of the full membership roster e-mail Susan Tipton at her Gmail account. She will send you one if you are a member.

ARES report: Ares will have its monthly meeting at the Gainesville office of the Red Cross, located at 1425 NW. 6th St., Gainesville, FL on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 from 7 PM to 9 PM. You may come at 6 PM to socialize. The subject will be the emergency communications plan for hurricane preparedness.

Note: dates to remember. April 1 is the March for Babies, April 29 is the Hamfest, June 24 and 25th is our Summer Field Day; more information will be coming.

Repeater Trustee's report: all the equipment is working fine!

The President then brought up old business: The lottery for picking members to do a monthly program at our general meetings will be brought up at the general membership meeting and voted on; if approved it will run from the month of May through November and the first lottery drawing will be made in March for the month of May.

Membership dues increase: Membership dues will increase from \$25 a year to \$35 a year for an individual membership. Family membership dues will increase from \$5 to \$10, making the total \$45 a year for an entire family living at the same address. These changes will become effective January, 2018.

New business: We have confirmation from at least four vendors for Hamfest. We are hoping that we will get more to participate, plus tailgate vendors outdoors.

We still need tables for our indoor vendors. If you have a 6 foot or 8-foot table or tables that you can loan us, please get in touch with Pete Winters or Larry Rovak WB2SVB larry@rovak.net. If we can't get enough tables loaned to us we will have to rent them and we would love to be able to save that money, so please look around, ask around and try to find us some tables.

Summer Field Day will be held on June 24th and 25th, 2017, at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in the adjacent field that we have used in prior years. We must get the field ready Thursday and Friday and transmitting will start at 2 PM Saturday and continue until 2 PM Sunday. More information will be forthcoming.

Our new meeting place, the United Methodist Church, is we have been very happy with us. We have been informed that if we need to use of the overhead projector, plan ahead. We cannot reserve it more than 30 days in advance.

Note: the general meeting program for our March 21 meeting will be given by Dr. Jay Garlitz AA4FL, jayaa4fl@gmail.com.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was seconded and approved at 9 PM.

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary