

E-Board Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2018

President Peter Winters called the March 2018 meeting of the Executive Board of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 7:00 p.m. The members present were Vice President Shannon Boal K4GLM, Treasurer Susan Tipton K9PDL, Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Vann Chesney AC4GS, Robert Guertin W1GLV, Larry Rovak WB2SVB, and Sam Ullman K4ZVD. The club Secretary Gregory Sporer KM4OCD was absent due to illness

Sickness and Welfare Report: It was reported that Walt Johnston W4TKE was alert and doing ok, he is in Tri-County Health & Rehabilitation Center in Trenton. Ed Sills AF4VC is currently in Palm Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Gainesville, he is progressing in his recovery from cardiac issues. His wife indicates that he is bored, and appreciates visitors.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report: Absent, no report submitted.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer reported that all is well, and she has no issues.

Webmaster's Report: The webmaster indicated that all is well with the website.

ARES Report: The ARES coordinator advised the next ARES meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14th at the Red Cross office from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. An after Action Report on the Emergency Communications Symposium held on February 24th, 2018 will be discussed.

Repeater Trustee/Vice President: Shannon mentioned that he and the president are working on a reply to Rob Carr of WRUF concerning possible upgrade issues with the antennas for the repeaters on the WRUF tower. He had no business to present under the Vice President's office.

President Report: The president reported that he has been in touch with the Santa Fe College club advisor and its president about their club providing help for GARS during the upcoming GARS Hamfest. The feeling is that we cannot expect much help as our event is just prior to the finals week at SFC.

Reports were given by Gus Clifton KK4ACA, the GARS Special Events Coordinator, concerning the recent 5 Points of Life Marathon held on February 18th, and the upcoming March for Babies to be held on April 14th, 2018. Gus indicates that the post action report for the 5POL event was positive to all entities. He additionally reported that the March for Babies event is basically a much scaled down event with only a 4 mile course and 4 water stations to be used. The event will be held this year at the Celebration Station shopping complex off I-75 and SW Archer Roads.

Larry Rovak WB2SVB the Hamfest Chairman gave a report in which he indicates that we will have our biggest vendors back this year, along with several new smaller vendors. This was welcome news, as three vendors that we had last year will not be returning this year. Two of which have retired, and one indicates that they have a scheduling conflict, preventing their coming.

A rather lengthy discussion was held among the E-Board members concerning this year's ARRL Field Day scheduled to be held on June 23-24, 2018. It was generally agreed that we need to participate in the event, but to explore other venues to hold the event which will be more accommodating to the heat that Florida presents during the summer. The facility advisor at the Santa Fe club indicated to the president prior to this meeting that the Santa Fe club is interested in a co-host type event to be held at Santa Fe College, but such an undertaking would have to be approved by the powers to be at SFC. It is generally felt, that time is too short to be done at SFC this year, but possibly in the future. Several other venues were discussed with varying pros and cons presented. The president charged all board members to explore the ideas for venues by conducting on site visits. He then asked that all bring their findings to the April E-Board meeting where a venue decision will be made.

The president announced that Scott Roberts KK4ECR will be the guest speaker at this month's general business meeting on March 20th. Scott is currently the Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Clay County Florida Amateur Radio Emergency Services. He indicated to the president that his topic will be a power point presentation concerning a facet of emergency communications. It should be noted that the gentleman is an announced candidate for the ARRL North Florida Section Manager's position. This position is currently held by Steve Szabo WB4OMM, who is retiring. The president mentioned that we should most likely invite all candidates for the position to come and speak to GARS if possible.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and duly approved to adjourn the executive board meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Submitted for the Secretary: Peter Winters W4GHP, GARS President