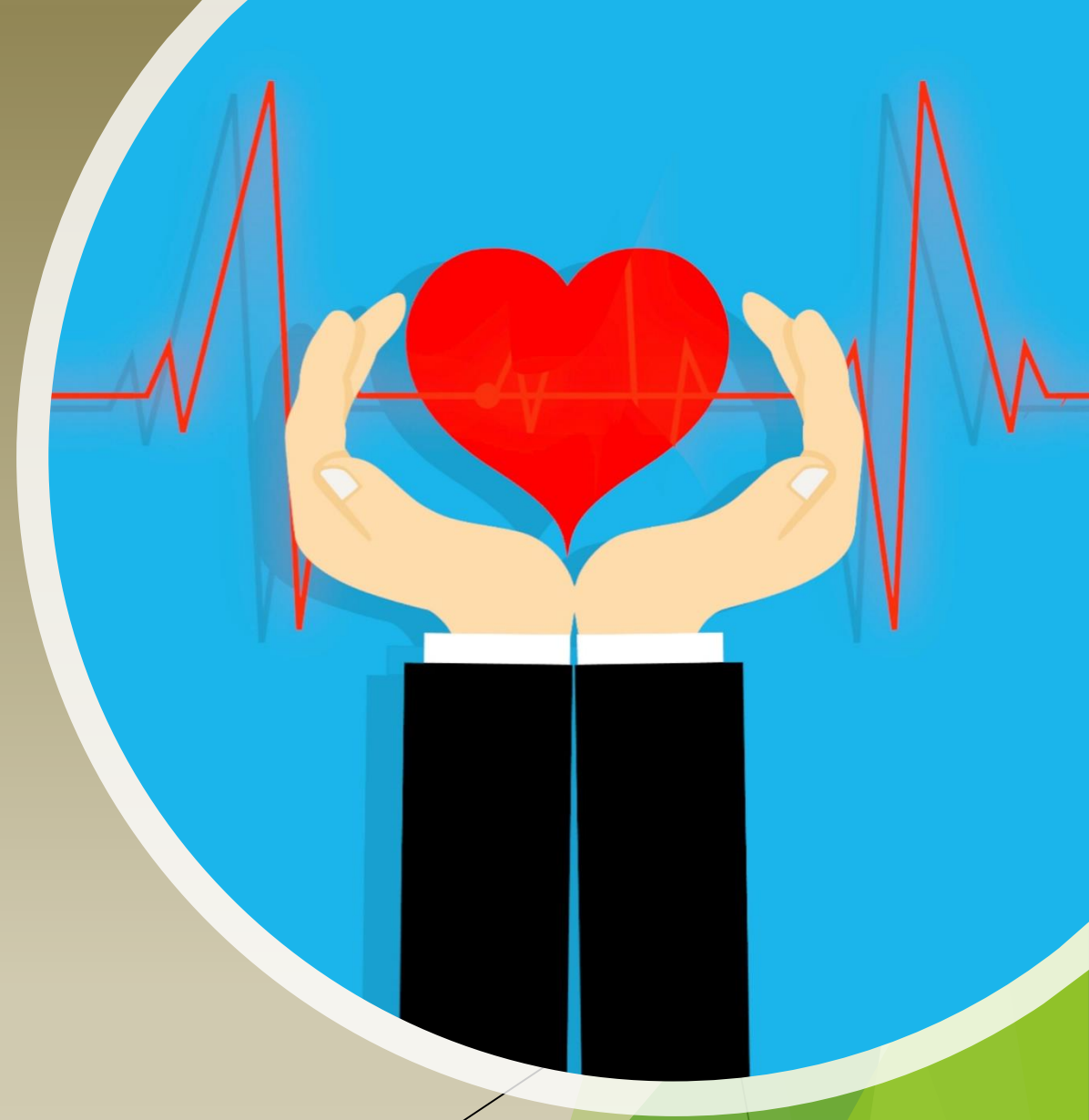


# Overview of E-board Meeting

- I. Sickness / Health and Welfare
- II. OFFICER REPORTS: *(6 Officers)*
- III. GARS business

# Sickness and Health.

- ▶ Helkie - might still be in hospital
- ▶ Pete has a knife injury in hand. Beverly came to the administered first aid.
- ▶ Beverly has been referred to pulmonary specialist. She is doing better overall. The cyst has cleared up.
- ▶ Carol's mom is doing well, physical therapy is being successful. She's walking.
- ▶ Nick is doing ok. They will check with Ed.



# Officer Reports:

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- ▶ GARS Secretary
  - ▶ Treasurer
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  - ▶ Webmaster
  - ▶ VP& Repeater trustee
  - ▶ President Repot
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# Officer Reports: **GARS Secretary** **Rebecca Wolfson**

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Email request from Brent Stewart has was addressed by Pete. Basically he wanted someone to climb and weld on tv antenna at the top of his tower.

Bob Guertin - thank you!! He has located the PO Box.

Jeff Capehart - thank you for his Zoom assistance. He has been helping behind the scenes. He has been working with me to trouble shoot tech issues and smooth out Zoom experiences for members.

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# Officer Reports: Treasurer Pete Winters

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Tues, May 5<sup>th</sup>, received an email from Susan Covey (Trinity's facility manager.) Trinity has extended their "Closed Campus Directive" through May 30, 2020.

- Therefore, the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 GARS General Meeting will be in ZOOM.
- They will most likely extend rental of the room into 2021. Methodist conference says no opening physical locations until June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Getting ready to issue check for State of Florida trailer license

Tracking Rockdorf (Melcher and Bowie) CPAs on NW 43<sup>rd</sup> St. (They are ham radio operators. Do they pay as a new member or a organization?)

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# Officer Reports: ARES

## Jeff Capehart

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- ▶ \* ARES Membership is 55.
  - ▶ The Thursday ARES Net Roll Call has 31 active (regular) check-ins. The other 24 do not ever or rarely check-in. If someone doesn't check in for 3 months, they are marked inactive, but are reactivated if they check-in. A huge **THANK YOU** to Bob Guertin W1GLV and Mike Lewis K4MPL (two of our long-time 10+ year net controls besides Allan and myself) for their service. Mike is leaving the area and Bob is letting some of our newer folks take their turn. Leland Gallup AA3YB and Jim Bledsoe KI4KEA will be filling in as regular net control operators. Gordon Gibby KX4Z is still listed as a "5th" week of the month net control or fill-in NCS. Also welcome to new ARES member Mike Perry, K1SFN.
  - ▶ \* Daily Coronavirus/COVID-19 Information & Update Net - 7pm on 146.820
    - John Trites & Wendell Wright, & myself are alternating Net Controls
    - So far 37 nets have been held since 3/27/2020
    - There have been 39 unique ham callsigns checking in over the past 6 weeks
    - One ham has checked in 36 times; 10 hams have checked in more than 10 times
    - The net was mentioned in QST-NFL May 2020 issue
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# Officer Reports: **ARES**

## **Jeff Capehart**

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### \* Skywarn Storm Spotter Training - ONLINE

8 hams took training APRIL 30; 3 took the MAY 4<sup>th</sup> class

NWSJAX no longer offers certificates. However, NWS Tallahassee still does.

### \* ARES TASKBOOK Sign-offs

More people are sending stuff to Gordon KX4Z to get signed off

### \* SECTION ARES NET 3950 (Saturdays 0830)

The Gainesville group is among the most active in the section on net control training and has been serving as traffic net controls on Saturday mornings for message passing traffic on HF.

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# Officer Reports: **ARES**

## **Jeff Capehart**

\* Next ARES Meeting Wed. **MAY 13** 6:30-8:30pm on ZOOM

Circuit Board for Arduino based Battery Backup System

Shelter Raspberry Pi Server -- upgrade to Raspberry 4

More topics coming - refer to Agenda (when available) on <https://www.qsl.net/nf4rc/>

**\*Amateur radio operators affiliated with the American Red Cross will conduct a nationwide communication drill on May 30. Gordon KX4Z has been coordinating & planning.**





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# Officer Reports: **Webmaster**

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Notes: <http://gars.club>

Biggest concern: Need a newsletter.

Purpose: Have to have a newsletter to announce change in bi-laws to members.

Suggest: Pete distributed a roster. Email and place the newsletter on the website.

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# Officer Reports: VP& Repeater trustee Shannon Boal

Machines are working.

SARnet is changing

- lots of people are retiring.
- Site in Austin Carey forest proposed, was on hold, now they want a different coordinated SAR net on a dedicated machine...they don't want an RF link. They have an antenna and feedline already built there. They will prob move SARnet there.

The other machines are doing as well as possible due to current physical limitations and location on tower. (WRUFT moved the antennas and GARS is working on the resulting issues. 444.925 having issues. Upgrades to software requested if possible. Power has been reduced power to reduce interference. 820 has it's own line, but is too close to the other antenna in the new configuration.)

Need to have an email sent to Rob asking about expected solutions they have considered for the antennas. GARS will ask for a review. The gates to repeater have been open daily. (Someone is working on the tower.)



# Officer Reports: **President John Troupe**

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## Notes:

Amended Bylaws been discussed by the eBoard  
- Proper procedure for proceeding with process discussed

Email proposed bylaws and announced on website, including invitation for comments - emailed to John by May 15th.

Discuss at this month general meeting

Vote on it in next Month's general meeting.

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# OTHER BUSINESS

- ▶ Old Goat's breakfast: (Pete) Drive-in/Tail gate event proposed.  
9-10 people have accepted so far. (social distancing and rag-chew)
- ▶ Field Day June 2020 with adaptations for fluid COVID-19 situation
  - ▶ Update with field day software with notation, remote operations
  - ▶ Would like home stations prepared + small set up at Waldo field
  - ▶ Laptops with N3FJP software are in Larry's house and he's out of town. - will need it installed on other personal laptops
  - ▶ they will work on networking them together
  - ▶ Kenwoods can be remotely operated. But is that against the rules?...acknowledge issue
  - ▶ Zoom possibilities?
  - ▶ Get media involved. Carol volunteered to be PIO. Adjourned 9:02pm.

