

General Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2018

President Peter Winters called the May General Meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 6:35 PM. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and started the introductions.

Sickness/Health and Welfare: Walt Johnson W4TKE, passed away on May 5. He was the last of the original founding members of the club. When it becomes available, information on his funeral will be posted. Nick Koenigstein K4NIK, is recovering from his hospital visit for knee surgery.

Secretary's report: Secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: Susan advised us that today was Jeff Capehart's 53rd birthday, cake was provided. Happy birthday Jeff. The Treasurer reviewed the April Treasurer's report in which her totals and the banks totals matched. She also added, when asked, that there are 61 dues paying members in the club. Susan also said that if you want any 2018 Field Day apparel or items for sale get in touch with her soon.

A Motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of April 2018 was submitted to the General Membership it was seconded and approved.

Webmaster's report: everything's fine with the website.

Repeater trustee/VP report: Shannon had nothing new to report.

ARES report: The May ARES meeting was held May 9 and the subject was hand calibrating Baofeng radios. Also, there was a demonstration of shelter Wi-Fi and FTP. A new EOC call sign will hopefully take effect May 22. The next ARES meeting will be held at the Red Cross building from 6 PM to 9 PM on Wednesday, June 13.

On Saturday June 9th there will be a mock wildfire exercise event using different types of radios and antennas to send sit- reps back and forth from the Florida forestry Department to the EOC. It will be held at Wakasaw Park which is out on 39th Ave. 1.9 miles from Waldo Road on the right. A HF multiband antenna a VHF antenna and 3 coax cables 75 to 100 feet long are needed if you can bring them or loan them that would be greatly appreciated. On Friday, June 8 at Waukesaw, there will be a demonstration on the antenna and repeater that are located there and how they work. Times for these events are unknown to me now.

President's report:

Old Business: Hamfest, Larry stated that we did well and thanked all who showed up to help and support our 2018 Hamfest, Thank You! And he will see you again next year.

Field day: Pete needs volunteers to help make or build Field Day signs.

New business: The Annual GARS Award Dinner/Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Which is the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The Executive Board has

again reserved the atrium downstairs in the church where we have our meetings. The event will be catered by the Trinity United Methodist Church kitchen staff, as it was last year. Further details will be forthcoming. The Executive Board is in the process of obtaining quotes for the new GARS patches. It is expected that the cost of the patches will be on a cost share basis with the club members. Further details will be upcoming.

Tonight's program: will be presented by club member Ron Smith KJ4HBF. It will show us how to use the field day computers for logging contacts. It will be using the N3FJP software V-5.8. This version is a big step up from what we've used in the past.

Future programs:

June: Field Day preparations. This presentation will be given by Shannon Boal.

July: this presentation will be about the Ham Radio Deluxe Logging Program. It will be a Power Point presentation by Kevin Young KC7FPF.

A Motion to adjourn was submitted to the General Membership. It was seconded and approved at 7:55 PM.

May God bless you and God bless America.

Gregory Sporer, Secretary GARS.