

General Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2018

President Peter Winters called the November meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 6:40 PM. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and started the introductions.

Sickness/Health and Welfare: Shana Gilbreath had surgery at Shand's to straighten her spine, she is now in rehab and will be there for at least the next few weeks. Kevin Crosby, KG4RNA, passed away this week his service will be at the Williams Thomas funeral home in Gainesville. Larry Rovak's son, Stephen is responding to the new regimen of drugs he is getting for his cancer and is responding nicely and in good spirits.

Secretary's report: Secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: the October Treasurer's report total matches with the banks total. Also you can get your Christmas party tickets and renew your membership to GARS with Treasurer Susan Tipton.

A Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was offered to the general membership it was seconded and approved.

Webmaster's report: Bob wants to make changes on the meeting minutes page to make it easier to navigate.

ARES report, ARES connect has 20 regular members +3 new members. They want to create a message board for people to sign up for different events that we have throughout the year such as operation Santa delivery, Winter Field days, the marathon's, etc. The next ARES meeting will be Wednesday, December 12, 2019 at the Red Cross building, they want to choose training goals for 2019. January 5 they will try to have a class to build soundcards.

Repeater Trustee/VP: the repeaters are up and working well. We have had some complaints about problems on the 985 frequency, we will investigate it. The General License class held this last weekend went well and a lot of good information was put out, and got to build stuff also.

President's report:

Gus Clifton, KK4ACA, wants to step down as the Events Coordinator, he needs someone to take his place. Some of the things he coordinates are the 5 points of life Marathon and the March for Baby's Marathon, Which Is Held at Celebration Point.

Old business:

An after-action report on the annual Veterans Day event at Kanapaha Veterans Memorial Park on November 11. Everything went very well, no hitches or problems.

Operation Santa delivery: the event is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Santa Fe College's north field off from NW. 39th Ave. We will need to be set up no later than 9:00 AM. The event runs from 10 AM to 1 PM. We will need volunteers at this fun event. A man and a woman to be Santa and Mrs. Claus, elves etc. sign-up sheets for this event are being distributed this evening.

The GARS Annual Awards dinner and Christmas party: this year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2018 here in Trinity's atrium. The cost is the same as last year, \$15 per person. Tickets are available for purchase this evening. Additionally, there is a button on the GARS website, www.gars.club to enable you to purchase tickets through the PayPal system. Caterer has requested that we have a final count for those attending on Tuesday, December 11.

New business:

Ham of the Year, Rusty Drainpipe Annual Awards: Bob W1GLV and Shannon K4GLM are serving as the committee to choose this year to award recipients. Nominations can be made to Bob at W1GLV@W1GLV.com or Shannon at K4GLM@ARRL.net, or to GARS, PO Box 140383, Gainesville, FL 32614-0383. Anonymous nominations are accepted. Nominations need to be received by December 1, 2018.

Please mark your calendars, GARS will participate in winter field day on Saturday, January 26, 2019 it is expected that we will hold the event at Westside Park in Gainesville.

Elections were held for Club Officers and Executive Board members for the calendar year of 2019.

The winners were:

Officers:

President: Debra Boal, KI4CVS

Vice President: Shannon Boal, K4GLM

Secretary: Carol Chesney, KG4FEX

Treasurer: Peter Winters, W4GHP

Executive Board Members:

Larry Rovak, WB2SVB

Vann Chesney, AC4QS

Robert Guertin, W1GLV

Gregory Sporer, KM4OCZ

John Troupe, KM4JTE

Congratulations to all.

Tonight's program: Roundtable discussion concerning hurricane Michael response.

Presented by Karl Martin KG4HPN, North Florida Section Emergency Coordinator.

Afterthoughts:

The Silver Springs Radio Club is having its Ocala Hamfest on Saturday, December 1, 2018, details at

<http://K4GSso.us/hamfest>

A Motion was put to the membership to adjourn it was seconded and approved at 8:20 PM.

May God bless you and God bless America. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Gregory Sporer, Secretary GARS