

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2018

President Peter Winters called the October meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society Executive Board to order at 7 PM. Present at the meeting was President Peter Winters W4GHP, Vice President Shannon Boal K4GLM, Treasurer Susan Tipton K9PDL, Secretary Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ, Board Members Bob Guertin W1GLV, Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Larry Rovak WB2SVB, Vann Chesney AC4QS.

Sickness/Health and Welfare: Don Furlong, a vibrant voice in the club membership on October 1st, 2018. He had been suffering from congestive heart failure. Information passed from a family member indicates his memorial service will either be the 3rd or 10 November. Time and place to be determined.

Secretary's report: The Secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer had nothing to report

Webmaster's report: The Webmaster had nothing to report

ARES report: Dalton Herding is now serving as a coordinator in the Alachua County EOC. At this time, it is unknown as to his job title within the EOC. Jeff Beilling the former Assistant EM is rumored to have moved to the state EOC in Tallahassee.

Repeater trustee/VP: repeaters are working fine. The state SARS net was off-line but is reported to be back online as of Tuesday, October 11 at 3:30 PM. At the time of this meeting, we have no defined program for our October meeting. Vice President Shannon indicated that a program is being developed for presentation.

President's report:

The POW/MIA day, September 22, was the same as the Veterans Day festivities.

GARS was to be cosponsoring an exercise with the ARES group on October 13, 2018, but this has been postponed due to advance preparations required for the approaching hurricane Michael.

GARS Christmas Banquet/Awards Ceremony: I am continuing to work with Franny Long of Trinity United Methodist Church concerning our annual event which will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, our regular General Meeting day. The menu is expected to be very similar to last year's excellent feast.

GARS Hamfest 2019: we need to be planning, the rough details i.e. date, location, food, that need to be worked out no later than the November Executive Board meeting on November 1, 2018 so that it can be published on the ARRL website and calendar. The April 20 the 3rd Saturday, the day before Easter. I have talked with Jill Cole of Tower Electronics, our anchor vendor, and she indicates that it is a "go date" for her schedule.

Election of GARS Officers and Executive Board Members for the 2019 calendar year. The election is at the General Meeting on November 20, 2018. The president has indicated his desire to vacate the post of president after serving 5 years in the president's chair.

New business: A Motion was put to the board to stay at Trinity United Methodist Church for another year it was seconded and approved.

Programs:

October: open at present

November: Election of Officers and Executive Board Members for 2019.

December: Annual Awards Banquet and Party.

January 2019 Kevin Bass, North Florida section manager has been invited to speak.

A Motion was put to the Board to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and approved at 8:35 PM.

May God Bless you and God bless America.

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary, GARS.