

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
Held on September 21st, 2016

The General Meeting (Business Meeting) of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society, Inc. was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 in the meeting room of the AVMED Headquarters. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. O'clock by the President, Pete Winters, W4GHP.

After introductions by name and call signs of the meeting attendees, the president presented the Sickness, Health and Welfare report. The president remarked that he had made contact with Sam Ullman, K4ZVD. He stated that he hopes to be back with GARS to at least visit in a month to six weeks. Several club members have talked with Walt and report that he sounds upbeat and is getting out and around.

The President presented the Secretary's Report, indicating that all minutes were up to date and posted on the GARS website, and that no correspondence issues were pending.

The President called for the report of the Treasurer, Susan Tipton K9PDL the Treasurer delivered her report, and asked for forgiveness as she had to leave to attend to matters with one of her dogs.

The President called for the report of the Webmaster, Bob Guertin, W1GLV. The Webmaster reported that the GARS website: <http://www.gars.net> is running well.

The Repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal, K4GLM, presented his report. In his report he mentioned that the UHF Repeater was not functioning, and that he was investigating the reason on his workbench. All other repeaters are in good working order.

The President called for the ARES report. Jeff Capehart, W4UFL, presented the report.

Under Old Business, the president reported that the GARS Antenna Project presentation to the Alachua County EOC was ongoing. The president mentioned that he had a phone conversation earlier in the day with the Alachua County EM, and that he EM was still awaiting information from the state as to what buildings the state would accept as shelters. Further updates will be published as to the progress of the antenna project will come as they are available.

Additionally under old business, the annual GARS fall picnic will be held on Saturday, October 15th, 2016 at San Felasco Park (Channel 20 park), from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Boy Scouts will be in attendance for participation in the ARRL/BSA Jamboree on the Air.

Under new business, it was mentioned that the one day cram and test session for the FCC Technician license will be sponsored by GARC and held on September 24th on the UF campus. Details were provided as to how to contact the GARC club.

The president asked the members present to step forward and let it be known if any member wanted to run for a position on the board for the calendar year 2017.

The program for the meeting was presented by Steve Szabo, WB4OMM, the ARRL North Florida Section Manager on several topics before the ARRL. Topics he discussed were the Amateur Radio Parity Act currently before the US Senate for a vote, and the state/status of several elections for ARRL offices within the state of Florida and the Southeastern area of the country.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was duly made and seconded and unanimously adopted to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 o'clock PM.

/s/ _____ Beverly Winters _____
Acting Secretary