

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

September 6th, 2018

President Peter Winters called the September Executive Board meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 7 PM.

Present at the meeting was President Peter Winters W4GHP, Vice President Shannon Boal K4GLM, Webmaster Bob Guertin W1GLV, Treasurer Susan Tipton K9PDL, ARES Coordinator Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Secretary Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ, Board members: Vann Chesney AC4QS, Ron Smith KJ4HBF and guest speaker Leland Gallup AA3YB.

Sickness / Health and Welfare: Larry and Sandy Rovak are in New Jersey with their family. They have twin sons and one of them, Stephen, has been diagnosed with stage IV kidney cancer. It has moved to other parts of his body and doesn't look promising. The physicians are going to try a 6-week treatment plan. If that doesn't work, they will investigate another way of fighting it. Please do not try to contact them, all communications should go through Pete. Please send them your love, prayers and best wishes.

Secretary's report: nothing to report

Treasurer's report: nothing to report

Webmaster's report: the website is doing good.

ARES report: ARRL has a new CEO Howard Michel (rhymes with nickel) WB2ITX. ARES next meeting will be Wednesday the 12th at the Red Cross Ctr. Updates: The General class course will hopefully be held sometime in November. A Technician class will be held on September 22 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM and the 29th at the same time. Email Gordon Gibby for more information at Gordon.gibby@yahoo.com.

Repeater trustee/VP: all our equipment is working properly. We are still having problems interfacing with the DOT SAR net.

President's report:

Leland Gallup spoke about the upcoming SET event (Simulated Emergency Test 2018) and how he would appreciate it if GARS would cosponsor the event. The board approved to be a cosponsor. The event will take place, October 13th, 2018 at 9 AM. There will be 3 locations: Gainesville Senior Recreation Center at 5701 NW. 34th Blvd., Gainesville 32653 (across from the new Walmart by the Highway Patrol station), the Alachua County Emergency Operation Center which is located at 1100 S. E. 27th St., Gainesville 32641 (corner of SE Hawthorne Rd. and SE 27th St). The EOC is in the back of the parking lot at a right angle to the Sheriff's Department offices. The last location will be at Santa Fe College/Perry Construction Institute located on NW. 91st St., Gainesville 32606. NW 91st Street is the first through street east of I-75 running south off NW 39th Ave. The construction site is on the right side of NW 91st Street, Incident Command and comms will be on the left in the open field next to the tree line on the east side of the field. For further information contact Gordon.giby@yahoo.com.

The president has completed the review of GARS professional liability insurance policy. Based on emails and conversations with the recommended source by the ARRL, the president feels we should continue with Mercer, our current carrier, i.e. lower net premium and time of service issues far outweigh the problem experienced in the length of time for claims settlements. After discussion, the board agreed to re-approach this issue in February 2019.

Regarding the invitation to the new NFL Section Manager Kevin Bass to come and speak to the membership, it was recommended that the president ask him to come in January 2019, and speak at the General Meeting.

The Jamboree on the Air event with the Scouts of America sponsored by the ARRL will be Friday Saturday and Sunday, October 19, 20th and 21st 2018. The annual GARS fall picnic will be held on Saturday the 20th at the usual city of Gainesville Park off NW. 43rd St. GARS will invite the Scouts to come and participate.

GARS Christmas banquet/awards ceremony: The president is working with Franny Long of Trinity United Methodist Church concerning our annual feast on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 (which will be in lieu of our December General meeting) the menu is expected to be like last year's excellent feast.

New business:

Participation in the POW/MIA ceremony on September 22, 2018 and the annual Veterans Day ceremony on Sunday, November 11, 2018. We expect no real participation for the September 22 event and a scaled-down presence at the November 11 Veterans Day event.

Programs:

September: Neighborhood ham radio watch program, presented by Gordon Gibby KX4Z.

October: open at present.

November: Election of officers and Executive Board members for 2019. Please start thinking about people you would like to nominate for these positions, and honestly consider running for a position yourself, take it from me it's not such a bad thing, and you have a lot of fun.

A Motion was put to the Board to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and approved at 8:30 PM.

May God bless you and God bless America.

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary, GARS.