

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

April 20, 2016

A meeting of the General Membership of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at the AvMed Building, 4300 N.W. 89th Blvd., Gainesville, Florida. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Bob Guertin, W1GLV, at 6:35 P.M. The President, Pete Winters, W4GHP, was not able to attend the meeting.

The Vice President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the introduction of the members and guests.

The sickness and health report was delivered.

The Vice President announced that William (Bill) Wells, a long-time member of GARS, had recently passed away. His call letters, K4RDP, had not been reassigned by the FCC. His daughter had inquired as to whether GARS could adopt his call letters so that they would be preserved in his name by GARS. A discussion was held in regard to the possibility of GARS' adopting his call letters for one of the repeaters. The Vice President said that the EB would consider the question and report back at a future General Membership Meeting.

The Vice President presented the Vice President's and Webmaster's reports. He said the GARS website had been re-done. He also said that a "for sale" section will be being added to the website. Any member wishing to sell equipment should contact Bob.

The Secretary, Sam Ullman, K4ZVD, delivered his report.

The Treasurer, Susan Tipton, K9PDL, delivered her report.

The Vice President pointed out that the Repeater Maintenance Fund had been severely depleted by the recent repairs to the repeater equipment. The Fund needs to be replenished so that GARS will be able to perform needed maintenance to the repeater equipment in the future.

The Vice President pointed out that the GARS Hamfest is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd, at the First Baptist Church of Waldo. Operating hours are from 8AM to 2 PM. Set-up will be Friday evening at 6PM and Saturday morning at 6:45 AM.

The repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal, K4GLM, delivered his report. He said that the .820 repeater is back on line after completion of the antenna re-wiring. He pointed out the GARS has a total of 5 working repeaters at the present time.

The Vice President, Bob Guertin, delivered his report. He discussed subjects of the programs for the next few months. The May program will cover the GRU Trunking System. The June program will be dedicated to ARRL National Field Day. Andy Milluzzi, KK4LWR, will discuss the DMR program in July. In August, GARS will have a presentation on satellite communication program or the Yaesu Fusion Program. In September, the ARRL SE Section manager, Steve Szabo, will attend the meeting to discuss ARRL projects.

Jeff Capehart, W4UFL, presented a report on ARES. He said that a program for standardizing training throughout the section was underway.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Samuel C. Ullman, Secretary