

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)
August 4, 2016

A meeting of the Executive Board (Board of Directors) of the Gainesville Amateur Radio society was held on Thursday, August 4th, 2016 at the home of Bob Guertin, W1GLV. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 o'clock by The President, Pete Winters, W4GHP. The following members of the The Executive Board were in attendance in addition to Mr. Winters:

Robert Guertin, W1GLV
Larry Rovak, WB2SVB
Susan Tipton, K9PDL

Hal Helms, WA4QKLA
Jeff Capehart, W4UFL
Shannon Boal K4GLM

A guest, Gene Culbreth, KM4TBX, was also in attendance

The president presented the Sickness, Health and Welfare report to the board. It was mentioned that the club secretary Sam Ullman, K4ZVD, had undergone the second of his scheduled surgeries and was in post operative rehabilitation.

The Secretary's Report was presented by the President in the Secretary's absence. It was noted that all administrative issues for GARS are current.

The President called for the report of the Treasurer, Susan Tipton. The Treasurer delivered her report.

The President called for the report of the webmaster, Bob Guertin. The Webmaster reported that the GARS website: <http://www.gars.net> is running well. Bob mentioned that the August program for the general meeting will be a weather presentation by Hal WA4QLA. Additionally Bob mentioned that Steve Szabo, the North Florida Section Manager for the ARRL will be the speaker at the September general meeting. He also asked for ideas for the October program.

The President called for the report of the Repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal, Repeater Trustee reported that all repeaters are operational, and no known problems exist. It was mentioned that a follow up with Yaesu USA is needed to determine the status of the programming cables for the DR1X repeaters.

The President called for the ARES report. Jeff Capehart presented the report. Jeff mentioned that the next ARES meeting will be held on Monday, August 15th at the Red Cross Headquarters on NW 6th street.

Under Old Business; the board heard proposals from Jeff W4UFL, and Hal, WA4QLA, for the "Antenna Project" involving placement of antennas at the EOC, and designated emergency

shelters throughout the county. After listening to both proposals, the board established a committee to move the project forward in establishing meetings with the county and school board to share requirements, and cost estimates for all parties in the project. The committee will consist of Hal WA4QLA, Larry, WB2SVB, and Pete W4GHP. The committee thus agreed to send an introductory letter to the Alachua County Sheriff's Department, as ASO has the control of the radio tower located at the Combined Communications Center on SE Hawthorne Road.

Under New Business; the board authorized Shannon K4GLM, to correspond with the North Florida Repeater Council to complete the renewals for the repeater frequencies that are maintained by GARS. A motion was made, seconded, duly approved for Shannon to advance the funds for the renewals as required by the NF Repeater Council's guidelines.

A discussion was held concerning the Boy Scouts of America "Jamboree on the Air". The JOTA event this year will be held from October 14 through October 16th, 2016. The board decided that we will hold the annual fall picnic on October 15th, 2016, at the Channel 20 Park off NW 43rd street, and the club will invite scout troops to come and take part in JOTA during the picnic.

A discussion was held concerning the annual GARS Christmas party and awards banquet for 2016. It was decided that the event will be held on Thursday, December 15th, at the 1st Baptist Church of Waldo. A motion was made, seconded, and duly approved for Shannon and/or Debbie Boal to liaison with Waldo 1st Baptist for the reservations of the facility. More details will be forthcoming on this matter.

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 9:12 o'clock PM.

For:

Beverly Winters, Acting Secretary