

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)
March 3, 2016

A meeting of the Executive Board (Board of Directors) of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society was held on Thursday March 3, 2016, at the home of Bob Guertin, W1GLV. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 o'clock PM by the President, Pete Winters, W4GHP. The following members of the Executive Board were in attendance in addition to Mr. Winters:

Shannon Boal, K4GLM
Jeff Capehart, W4UFL
Bob Guertin, W1GLV
Hal Helms, WA4QLA

Larry Rovak, WB2SVB
Ronnie Smith, KJ4HBF
Sam Ullman, K4ZVD

The President reported that Jeff Schwartz, AI4YC, had a heart attack. He had been hospitalized at North Florida Regional Medical Center, but had been discharged and was home resting.

The President also reported that Mark Reihart, KK4EOF, had been in an automobile accident, but was not hurt.

The President called for a report of the Webmaster, Bob Guertin. The Webmaster reported that programs to be held at future GARS General Membership Meetings will be listed of the website.

The President called for the report of the Vice President, Bob Guerin. The Vice President reported on programs that had been scheduled.

The President called for the report of the Repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal. The Repeater Trustee reported that all repeaters are working well.

Jeff Capehart delivered an ARES/RACES report. He also discussed efforts by the ARRL to protect the continued use by amateur radio of the currently assigned frequency spectrums.

The President delivered his report.

The President reported on the Membership Drive. He announced that the GARS QSL card will be mailed to all hams in Alachua County on Friday, March 4th. The expectation is to have hams who not members of GARS attend the March General Membership Meeting.

The President reported on Hamfest. An email blast would be sent to all hams in north Florida publicizing the event, but it would be necessary to get a list of names and email addresses. The President and the Chief Information Officer, Hal Helms, would look into it. Hal Helms also reported that GARS would try to get some publicity out to the news media. Finally, the President called for volunteers to work at Hamfest.

The President reported that a fundraiser is being planned for a restaurant. PDQ and Beef O'Brady are being considered, although others are being considered as well. Bob Guertin suggested having raffles at the general membership meetings as a way to raise money. The President said that he would look into it, including finding out if Av Med, which permits GARS to use its facilities for the General Membership meetings, prohibits raffles in its facilities.

The President announced that ARRL Summer Field Day is scheduled for June 25th and 26th. GARS has asked Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 4011 NW 34th St., for permission to use its field. The Church has not responded to the request yet. A discussion was held concerning the need to have a better system for logging contacts than has been used in the past. A discussion was also held as to whether to operate two or three stations. Finally Shannon Boal suggested that GARS hold a training session in advance of the Field Day event to be sure that everyone is familiar with the proper procedures for the event.

The President also discussed either repairing the existing winch on the recently repaired antenna trailer, or getting a new winch. Otherwise, the trailer appeared to "serviceable".

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, adjourned at 8:40 o'clock PM.

Samuel C. Ullman, Secretary

