

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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

A meeting of the Executive Board (Board of Directors) of the Gainesville Amateur Radio society was held on Thursday, November 3rd, 2016 at the home of Bob Guertin, W1GLV. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 o'clock p.m. 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
Shannon Boal K4GLM
Hal Helms WA4QLA
Susan Tipton K9PDL

Larry Rovak, WB2SVB
Ron Smith KJ4HBF
Jeff Capehart W4UFL

The president presented the Sickness, Health and Welfare report to the board. It was mentioned that the president had spoken with the club secretary Sam Ullman, K4ZVD. He reported that Sam is progressing well in his recovery, and hopes to be among us around the first of the year.

The Secretary's Report was presented by the President in the Secretary's absence. It was noted by the webmaster, that he is missing the minutes from the last (October) general meeting. The president advised that the matter would be looked into and corrected.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Treasurer, Susan Tipton. Currently all is well in the treasury.

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.

The Repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal, presented his report. In discussion, the repeater trustee mentioned that he had requested a follow up be made by the club president to Yaesu USA concerning the status of the programming cables for the DR1X repeaters. The president stated that he was told by a new individual at Yaesu to re-forward the serial numbers and receipt date to re start the process. A motion was made, seconded and then amended for the club to purchase two of the cables from HRO-Atlanta. The president was to order them the next business day as directed.

The ARES report was presented by Jeff Capehart, The ARES co-coordinator.

The president called for a discussion about the formation of the Red Cross ARES Club.

Jeff Capehart, the ARES EC for the county explained the reasons for the formation of the club. He mentioned that it was not an attempt to be in competition with GARS, but the supplement

the ARES effort in the county and with the Alachua County EOC. The discussion was lively and at times heated, before it ended with a pledge to work together for the betterment of amateur radio.

A report on the "GARS Antenna Project" progress was presented by the committee chairman, Hal Helms WA4QLA. It was mentioned that the antenna committee had met earlier in the day at the Newberry Archery Center with Jeff Bielling of Alachua County, and the facilities manager of the Newberry Archery Center to discuss placement of an antenna on the center. The meeting was positive and Mr. Bielling asked the committee to present him with a list of items to purchase to facilitate the project at the archery center.

A discussion was started concerning the GARS Hamfest for April 29th, 2017, as to prices for vendor admission, table rental, and ticket prices. Several ideas were presented and much was discussed. However, to the lateness of the hour, further discussion was tabled until the December board meeting.

The board agreed to present a short program on the antenna project after the election of officers and board members at the November General Meeting.

The board decided that the entrée for the Christmas party would be turkey, and the members attending should bring a side dish, or desert. The cost is \$5.00 per person, which includes a raffle ticket.

The president reminded all present that GARS was again going to set up a station at the Alachua County Veteran's Day celebration on November 11th, 2016 at the Alachua County Veterans Park on SW 75th Street. Set up is to start at approximately 8:15 a.m.

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 9:40 o'clock PM.

For:

Beverly Winters, Acting Secretary