

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)
October 6, 2016

A meeting of the Executive Board (Board of Directors) of the Gainesville Amateur Radio society was held on Thursday, September 8th, 2016 at the home of Bob Guertin, W1GLV. The meeting was called to order at 6:54 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

Larry Rovak, WB2SVB
Ron Smith KJ4HBF

The president presented the Sickness, Health and Welfare report to the board. It was mentioned that the president left a voice mail with the club secretary Sam Ullman, K4ZVD, inquiring about progress in his rehabilitation from surgery.

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 Treasurer's Report was not presented due to the absence of the Treasurer, Susan Tipton. The president reported that he had received a phone call from Ms. Tipton the previous evening stating that she would be unable to attend, but she ensured the president that the club was solvent.

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, reported that the problem with the electronics in the 146.985 repeater had been located and repaired. Additionally he mentioned that a follow up with Yaesu USA was made to determine the status of the programming cables for the DR1X repeaters. The phone call was answered by voice mail, and to date no return call has been received. The president stated that he would follow up with Yaesu the first of the next week after hurricane Mathew was done menacing Florida.

There was no ARES report due to the absence of Jeff Capehart, The ARES co-ordinator.

Under Old Business; the president reported that the "GARS Antenna Project" progress was at a break due to the preparations for hurricane Mathew. A brief discussion was held to discuss the movement of the antennas, 3 tower sections, and a partial spool of cable (hard line declared surplus by ASO. It was decided that the discussion will resume next week after the passing of hurricane Mathew.

A brief discussion was held concerning the annual GARS picnic on October 15th, 2016. The club will provide the hamburgers, frankfurters, buns, condiments, drinks. The attendees

will be bring side dishes. The picnic will be held at the San Felasco Park (Channel 20 Park) off NW 43rd street.

A continuing discussion was held concerning the annual GARS Christmas party and awards banquet for 2016. The event will be held on Thursday, December 15th, at the 1st Baptist Church of Waldo. The board passed a motion to invite several guests this year, including but not yet limited to Rob Carr and spouse, WUFT; Reverend Dubois and spouse, Waldo 1st Baptist; Jeff Beilling and spouse, AC EOC; Kelley Rosenlund and spouse, Common Ground Electronics.

The president reported that the Alachua County Veteran's Coordinator contacted GARS thanking them in advance to participate in the annual Veterans Day celebration on November 11th, 2016 at the Alachua County Veterans Park on SW 75th Street. The president replied on behalf of the board asking to be located so as not to have interference from the radio stations this year.

The date for the GARS Hamfest for 2017 was set for Saturday, April 22nd, 2017. Larry Rovak WB2SVB will chair the event this year. It was mentioned that the board needs to decide the issues including but not limited to advertising, notifications, food, testing, by the December board meeting so proper information can be relayed to the ARRL for publication in the QST magazine.

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 7:55 o'clock PM.

For:
Beverly Winters, Acting Secretary