

# GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP September 16, 2015

A meeting of the General Membership of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at the AvMed Building, 4300 N.W. 89<sup>th</sup> Blvd., Gainesville, Florida. The meeting was called to order by the President, Pete Winters, W4GHP, at 6:35 PM.

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the introduction of the members. Approximately twenty people were in attendance.

The sickness and health report was delivered.

The Secretary, Sam Ullman, K4ZVD, delivered his report. He announced that the minutes from both the General Membership meetings and the Executive Board meetings are now posted on the GARS website. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the report was accepted.

The Treasurer, Susan Tipton, K9PDL, delivered her report. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the report was accepted.

The Webmaster, Bob Guertin, W1GLV, delivered his report. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the report was accepted.

The Vice President, Jeff Capehart, W4UFL, delivered his report. He announced that both antennas (UHF and VF) at the Red Cross Building have been completed and are functioning. There is more work to be done. He also discussed the picnic and the National Preparedness Event. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the report was accepted.

The President, Pete Winters, W4GHP, delivered his report. He announced that:

GARS will participate in the National Preparedness Event to be held this Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Northwest Baptist Church, 5514 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave., from 10 until 2. Bob Guertin, W1GLV, and Larry Rovak, WB2SVB, will co-chair the event. The President announced that volunteers are needed.

The GARS Fall Picnic will be held at San Felasco Park on NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Way on October 17<sup>th</sup>. That will be the same day the Boy Scout Jamboree. Boy Scout Troop 125 may participate.

A fund-raising event is being planned for October. Details will be announced.

Hal Helms is working on the direct mail campaign, which includes the mailing to every ham in Alachua County of an invitation to join GARS.

The GARS Holiday Party and Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. A new group, the GARS Auxiliary, will plan the menu and other aspects of the event.

GARS Board Members and Officers for 2016 will be elected in November. The President, Pete Winters, W4GHP, announced that he intends to run for re-election. Volunteers are needed for the Nominating Committee.

The President called for New Business. The President announced that GARS will again participate in Operation Santa Delivery to be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Santa Fe College. Hal Helms, WA4QLA, and Faye Helms, KM4HXM, will serve as co-chairs for the event.

The program was then held. Shannon Boal, K4GLM, narrated an ARRL slide presentation dealing with Near Vertical Incidence Skywave.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Samuel C. Ullman, Secretary