

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)  
September 8, 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 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  
Jeff Capehart, W4UFL  
Ron Smith KJ4HBF

Larry Rovak, WB2SVB  
Susan Tipton, K9PDL

The president presented the Sickness, Health and Welfare report to the board. It was mentioned that the club secretary Sam Ullman, K4ZVD, self reported to the president that he is making progress in his rehabilitation from surgery.

The Secretary's Report was presented by the President in the Secretary' 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 Steve Szabo, the North Florida Section Manager for the ARRL is scheduled to speak at the September general meeting. He also asked for ideas for the October program.

The Repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal, was unable to attend due to a prior commitment per the president. The president reported that Shannon indicated to him by phone that all repeaters are working well. Additionally, it was mentioned that a follow up with Yaesu USA was made to determine the status of the programming cables for the DR1X repeaters. The jest of the phone call was that Yaesu was going to provide the missing cables.

The President called for the ARES report. In presenting the report, Jeff Capehart mentioned that the recent activation of the EOC and 3 shelters for hurricane Herminie had some issues with organization and duties. He mentioned that it was good that this a small event and no major issues developed internally with the activation. Jeff mentioned that the next ARES meeting will be held on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the EOC.

Under Old Business; the president reported that he had placed a call to Jeff Beilling, The Acting Alachua County Emergency Manager, concerning the "GARS Antenna Project". As

expected, Mr. Beilling was still dealing with follow up issues to the recent storm and asked for an extension of time to two weeks to complete the EOC/ASO legwork required for the project. Mr. Beilling did mention that all the antennas, 3 tower sections, and a partial spool of cable (hard line was surplus per ASO, and these items would be available to GARS for the project.

A discussion was held and motion made to support the Boy Scouts of America "Jamboree on the Air", as part of the GARS annual fall picnic on October 15th. The picnic will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at the San Felasco Park (Channel 20 Park) off NW 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, at the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Waldo. A check was obtained from the treasurer to secure the reservation of the facility. More details will be forthcoming on this matter.

Under New Business; the club has been notified that the Operation Santa Delivery sponsored by the local blood bank (5 Points of Life) will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at same location as last year. A motion was made and approved for GARS to participate again this year.

The president reported that the Alachua County Veteran's Coordinator asked GARS to participate in the annual Veterans Day celebration on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Alachua County Veterans Park on SW 75<sup>th</sup> Street. The board agreed to participate, and to continue in an expanded role as adopted last year.

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 8:20 o'clock PM.

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For:

Beverly Winters, Acting Secretary