

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)
April 7, 2016

A meeting of the Executive Board (Board of Directors) of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society was held on Thursday April 7, 2016, at the home of Bob Guertin, W1GLV. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 o'clock PM by the President, Pete Winters, W4GHP. The following members of the Executive Board were in attendance in addition to Mr. Winters:

Jeff Capehart, W4UFL
Bob Guertin, W1GLV
Larry Rovak, WB2SVB

Susan Tipton, K9PDL
Sam Ullman, K4ZVD

The President announced that Harold Blalack, N4MSY, had passed away on March 22, 2016.

The President called for a report of the Webmaster, Bob Guertin. The Webmaster reported that some of the pages on the website are being re-done.

The President announced that the Repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal, was not present at the meeting, but that all the repeater equipment was working well.

The President announced that since the last meeting, he had polled the Board, which had unanimously voted in favor of replacing the line on the antenna tower. In support of that decision, funds had been moved from the GARS CD Account to the Savings Account, and a bank check had been issued on the Savings Account for the wire. The President will mail the check to the tower firm.

Jeff Capehart delivered an ARES/RACES report. He also announced that the March for Babies event had been cancelled on account of weather. The statewide hurricane exercise will be held on May 18th and will use the SARS Net.

The President delivered his report. He discussed planning for Field Day and a workshop for grant-writing.

The President called for Old Business.

The President announced that Rob Carr, the WUFT engineer, had been very helpful to GARS with the Repeater Antenna problems. GARS had obtained 400 feet of line (as discussed earlier), and Rob had been helpful in arranging for a tower climbing in order to install the line, for \$2,250. This had become necessary because the old line had been cut. The President commented that this was a very good price. In addition, however, GARS will have to install new ground line. The President pointed out that the antenna is presently 330 feet in the air.

The President announced that GARS had obtained six connectors from Barney Williams. Those connectors probably will not work, however. GARS will obtain new connectors and sell the ones obtained from Barney Williams at the upcoming Hamfest.

The President announced that the .820 repeater is fully restored and functional.

The President led a discussion of Hamfest. There is enough card stock that it will not be necessary to purchase any additional card stock this year. Upon motion, duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the Board voted to purchase a laser ink cartridge for the printing job.

The President called for New Business.

The President announced that recent experiences with the repeater antennas have made it clear that GARS needs to maintain funding for ongoing antenna maintenance purposes. Presently, there are no further funds for antenna maintenance purposes, and that is not a satisfactory position on an ongoing basis. The President continued that the funds would be kept in the same bank account as other GARS funds, but would be segregated and reserved for use only in connection with antenna maintenance. There would be a notice to the Members and others on the webpage addressing the segregated account for funding antenna maintenance and asking for contributions to the segregated account.

The President announced that there would be a raffle at the upcoming Hamfest to raise money, and that half of the proceeds would go the antenna maintenance fund discussed above.

The President said that Summer Field Day will be held in June, as always. He said that GARS needs to get the tower trailer ready for Field Day. The antenna has been replaced, but that a new brake winch needs to be obtained, as do new wheels and tires.

The President asked for volunteers for Field Day.

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