

Gainesville Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

Minutes of the Executive Board

April 6, 2017

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at the home of Robert Guertin, W1GLV by the president.

The members of the executive board that were present were, President: Peter Winters W4GHP; Vice President: Shannon Boal K4GLM; Treasurer: Susan Tipton K9PDL; Robert Guertin W1GLV; Larry Rovak WB2SVB; Jeff Capehart W4UFL; Vann Chesney AC4QS.

The club secretary was absent due to illness. Prior to the meeting, he indicated in a phone call to the president that all minutes were now up to date as of 4:00 o'clock p.m. today.

The treasurer presented her report. She stated that all expenses incurred to date for the 2017 year have been paid.

The ARES report was presented by Jeff W4UFL. He stated that the next ARES meeting was due to be held on April 12th, 2017. The meeting will possibly be held at the home Gordon Gibby KX4Z. Jeff mentioned that in conversation that there is a possibility of a SkyWarn class for amateur radio operators will be held in the future months, hopefully before the start of hurricane season on June 1st. The mechanics are yet to be worked out, due to a revision of the MOU between the ARRL and the National Weather Service (NWS).

The Repeater Trustee reported that all repeaters are working in good order. He mentioned that some undesired interference from an individual operating with an expired FCC license may have to be addressed in the near future.

The 2017 Hamfest Chairman, Larry WB2SVB reported that he has 30 tables reserved with a vendor for rental during the event. He asked for a deposit check from the treasurer to confirm the rental agreement, which was issued to him. The board additionally agreed to approve the request from Larry to purchase an "Equipment Damage" insurance policy to relieve GARS from possible damage incurred to the tables by our vendors. The cost of such insurance is \$27.00 for the lot of tables. The board agreed to the request, the cost of which will be added to the rental cost. Additionally, Larry mentioned that all inside vendor space has been reserved. Larry has placed an advertisement in the Gainesville Sun, and will be contacting Radio and television stations requesting public service time to promote the event.

A discussion was opened by the president concerning his attempt to contact via written correspondence, Steven King KC4WCH, who is the current owner of the www.gars.net domain name. The president's purpose in contacting Mr. King is to ask Mr. King to release the domain name to the custody of GARS. After discussion, it was decided to table the aggressive pursuit of this matter until after the completion of the Hamfest at the end of April.

The president informed the board that the governing body of Gethsemane Lutheran Church has approved the request by the club to use that facility's expansion field for the ARRL Field Day, June 24 & 25th, 2017.

The president asked the club treasurer to contact the club's liability insurance carrier to obtain "Additional Insured Certificates" for both of the facilities that GARS is using for Hamfest and Field Day.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and accepted to adjourn the executive board meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Winters, for

Gregory Sporer, Secretary