

General Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2017

President Peter Winters opened the April general meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 6:30 PM. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then introductions were made around the room.

Sickness and health report: Sam Ullman is in Houston Texas for rehab and is making good progress. Eric Farber, an original GARS member, has passed away. Bruce Miceck passed away six weeks ago. Walt Johnson is doing well and has been heard "chewing the rag" on the radio.

Secretary's report: a new sign in sheet has been created. If you find any mistakes or see any changes that should be made please get in touch with Gregory Sporer.

Treasurer's report: it has been a busy month for Hamfest deposits. A payment was made to the insurance company. The bank and the Treasurer's report both match. A motion was put on the floor to approve the Treasurer's report, it was seconded and unanimously approved. Another motion was put on the floor to pay ARRL dues quarterly to make the Treasurer's job a little easier and to save money. This means if you're dues are coming up you should turn them in to the Treasurer ahead of time so that she can send them all in together. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Susan also said that if you want to get things from the ARRL website for our annual Field Day, tell her what you want to order and she will make a single large order for everyone. The club will pay for the shipping. She will then deliver the items at the general meeting before Field Day.

Webmaster's report: Everything's fine.

ARES report: a practice for the next hurricane drill, will be held May 6, 2017 Saturday. Jeff Capehart is looking for volunteers for various positions. If you are interested, please get in touch with him. ARC needs a new call sign, which means a new club must be formed. Emergency Management (EM) is having a preparation class for the hurricane drill on May 2, 2017. You can also get information about signing up for that from Jeff.

Repeater Trustee's / VP report: the repeaters are working well.

President's report: he has Hamfest tickets for sale at the low, low price of only five dollars. Get your tickets now because they will be seven dollars at the door. Hamfest: Larry Rovak reported: the tables will be arriving at the Waldo first Baptist Church from the hours of 1 PM to 3 PM April 28th. Volunteers should arrive at the church by 3 PM. Vendors will need help to unload and reload their trailers. Parking- the parking lot will be set up and the handicap parking lot will also be set up Friday afternoon. Tailgaters- the tailgaters lot will be laid out with flags and their entrance will be marked. Parking is free. We also need parking lot attendants. Hamfest ends at 2 PM we will need to tear down the tables and chairs and clean the hall afterwards.

FOL-volunteers will be needed at 9:30 AM Thursday, April 27, 2017 to help load tables onto a trailer. Friends of the Library is located at 403 North Main St., Gainesville, FL.

Field Day 2017: will be held in the field next to the Gethsemane Lutheran Church on June 24 and 25th. It is located at 4011 NW. 34th St. at the corner of 34th St. and 39th Ave. we will be setting up the Thursday before the event.

A motion to adjourn was put on the floor it was seconded and unanimously approved at 7:40 PM.

Gregory C. Sporer Secretary