

General Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2018

President Peter Winters called the April meeting of the General Membership of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 6:35 PM. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and started the introductions.

Sickness/Health and Welfare: Nick Koenigstein K4NIK is recovering from having knee surgery earlier today. Ed Amsbury N4OVO has had surgery to have his other hip replaced. This the second surgery for each of them. One is now blessed with bionic knees, the other with bionic hips.

Moment of silence.

Secretary's report: Secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer was absent due to illness. Pete and Jeff gave the Treasurer's report. They explained the figures and showed they balanced.

A Motion was made to the General Membership to accept the Treasurer's report it was seconded and approved.

Webmaster's report: the website is running well. Bob will be archiving minutes from previous years.

ARES report: The North Florida Section Manager ballots for all ARRL members should have reached you by now. Please vote and return your ballots by May 20th. The April 11th meeting of ARES had a wildfire demonstration done on the table to show how they would deploy radio operators to handle the situation. There will be no Lab and Lunch in April. The May Lab and Lunch will be held on the 5th at Wendy's on 39th Ave. and I 75 at noon. It will be about Buckmaster antennas and how to build one for less than \$30. The next ARES meeting will be held at the Red Cross building on the 2nd Wednesday of May which is the 9th.

Repeater trustee/VP: all repeaters are working fine. We are still working on separating the 2 frequencies that share one antenna. And are working on having an Echo Link on the 820 frequency.

President's report:

President received a letter from the Section Manager candidate Scott Roberts KK4ECR. He then paraphrased the contents of the letter, it stated what Scott was planning to do if he becomes Section Manager. As he did at last month's General Meeting.

Old business: March for Babies, Gus Clifton KK4CA was not able to present a report on the event due to a death in his family. Reports from members that attended the event said that it went well except there was a lot of radio interference inside the tent but was none when they moved outside. Also, Gus couldn't get the map of the course until the last minute. Gus is going to have a meeting with

the March for Babies people and let them know the problems and how they can hopefully be fixed for next year.

ARRL Field Day: Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24th 2018 will be held at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church. We are going to move our station to another part of the field to get out of the mud, bugs and sun.

Hamfest: Larry informed us that there will be fewer vendors this year. He then suggested that we encourage the tailgaters to come inside to fill up the hall that we are using. He also said that if you have any friends or relatives that sell crafts and such to come on out and get a table. Volunteers will be needed Friday afternoon on or about 3 PM and on Saturday after the Hamfest ends to help take down tables and help the vendors load up. He also asked for people to be at the church at 6 AM Saturday morning to help set up the tailgaters.

New business: none

Tonight's program: Hamfest preparations.

Future programs:

May: open at present.

Afterthoughts: Art and Cindy Grant KM4YGH and KM4YGG, respectively, are moving to Texas.

A Motion was made to the General Membership to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and approved at 7:45 PM.

May God bless you and God bless America. Happy Mother's Day.

Gregory C Sporer Secretary GARS