

## GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

August 19, 2015

A meeting of the General Membership of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at the AvMed Building, 4300 N.W. 89<sup>th</sup> Blvd., Gainesville, Florida. The meeting was called to order by the President, Pete Winters, W4GHP, at 6:35 o'clock PM.

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the introduction of the members. Approximately thirty people were in attendance, including hams and prospective hams.

The sickness and health report was delivered. The President announced that J.T. Kirby, WN4O, had passed away.

The Treasurer gave her report. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the report was accepted.

The Webmaster, Bob Guertin, W1GLV, delivered his report. The President congratulated Bob on his having an excellent website "up and running".

The President called for the report of the Repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal, K4GLM. Shannon announced that everything seems to be working fine. The .820 "footprint" is good even after the moving of the antennas, although it does not appear to have coverage as far north as it previously had.

The President called for the report of the Vice President, Jeff Capehart, W4UFL. The Vice President announced that the Gator Amateur Radio Club will be having its "Tech Day" on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Vice President also reported on Red Cross activities.

The President announced that Carol Chesney, KG4FEX, had moved to Virginia. Her husband, Van Chesney, AC4QS, will be moving there as well at the end of the year.

The President announced that GARS will take over the "Easter Eggs for the Blind" project from Carol. That will involve making sure the eggs are in working condition, working at the event, and conducting any necessary repairs when the event is over.

The President announced that the National Preparedness Month event, sponsored by Alachua County Emergency Management, will be held at the Northwest Baptist

Church, 5514 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave., from 10 until 2 on September 19<sup>th</sup>. GARS will set up and operate a simple 2 meter station, representative of a station that would be operated at an emergency shelter. Amateur radio literature will also be distributed. The primary audience will be middle school and other students. Bob Guertin, W1GLV, and Larry Rovak, WB2SVB, have volunteered to co-chair the event. The President announced that ten volunteers are needed.

The President announced that the GARS Fall Picnic will be held at San Felasco Park on NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Way on October 17<sup>th</sup>. That will be the same day the Boy Scout Jamboree. Some Boy Scouts may participate. Further details will be announced.

The President called for New Business. The President announced that a fund-raising event will be held, tentatively at the Northwest Grill, although other sites are also being considered. Further details will be announced.

The President also announced in that GARS will conduct a membership drive, in lieu of a dues increase. There are over 600 licensed amateur radio operators residing in Alachua County. The membership drive is intended to bring more of those hams into GARS.

The President announced that Hal Helms, WA4QLA, has been appointed Public Information Officer for GARS. Hal asked that members keep him advised of events so that they can be properly publicized.

The program was then held.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, adjourned at 8:00 PM.



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Samuel C. Ullman, Secretary