

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
Held on August 17th, 2016

The General Meeting (Business Meeting) of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society, Inc. was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 in the meeting room of the AVMED Headquarters. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. O'clock by the President, Pete Winters, W4GHP.

After introductions by name and call signs of the meeting attendees, the president presented the Sickness, Health and Welfare report. The president remarked that he had made contact with Sam Ullman, K4ZVD. Sam stated that he is home and recovering, but very weak at this point. Sam mentioned that he appreciates all the cards, letters and phone calls in regards to his health. He stated that he hopes to be back with GARS soonest. It was also reported that Walt Johnston's wife Linda had passed on August 9th. A private family memorial service was held, per Linda's request. Several club members have talked with Walt and report that he is saddened by his wife's passing, but he is relieved that she is no longer suffering.

A very interesting, informative program was presented by GARS member Harold "Hal" Helms on the many facets of weather, and storm spotting.

The President presented the Secretary's Report, indicating that all minutes were up to date and posted on the GARS website, and that no correspondence issues were pending.

The President called for the report of the Treasurer. The Treasurer delivered her report.

The President called for the report of the webmaster, Bob Guertin, W1GLV. The Webmaster reported that the GARS website: <http://www.gars.net> is running well.

The Repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal, K4GLM, presented his report.

The President called for the ARES report. Jeff Capehart, W4UFL, presented the report.

Under Old Business, the president reported that the GARS Antenna Project presentation to the Alachua County EOC was being finalized for presentation to the EOC on Wednesday, August 24th, 2016. Further updates will be published as to the progress of the meeting.

Additionally under old business, the annual GARS fall picnic will be held on Saturday, October 15th, 2016 at San Felasco Park (Channel 20 park), from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Boy Scouts will be in attendance for participation in the ARRL/BSA Jamboree on the Air.

Under new business, it was mentioned that a 2 day Technician's License Course will be held on September 24th and 25th at Gordon Gibby's home in Gainesville. It was suggested that interested parties contact Mr. Gibby for further details.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was duly made and seconded and unanimously adopted to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 o'clock PM.

_/s/ _____ Beverly Winters _____
Acting Secretary