

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2018

President Peter Winters called the August Executive Board meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 7 PM. Present at the meeting were Peter Winters W4GHP, Bob Guertin W1GLV, Shannon Boal K4GLM, Susan Tipton K9PDL, Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ, Board Members, Vann Chesney AC4QS, Larry Rovak WB2SVB, Ron Smith KJ4HBF.

Sickness/Health and Welfare: I, Gregory, am having surgery for a hernia, on August 9. It should be a straightforward procedure. I may have to spend one night in the hospital, NFRMC. It's the recovery that's going to be the hard part! I think you ahead of time for your thoughts and prayers.

Secretary's report: I may not be at the next General Meeting depending on my recovery.

Treasurer's report: QTH, our new web site host, charged us twice this year for our policy so we are now covered for the next 2 years. The new GARS patches are in! They look great and are being sold for the low low price of \$5 each, get them while you can.

Webmaster's report: our website is good.

ARES report: ARRL, ARES connect, will have an article in the next issue of QST. It will explain how it works and how you can sign up. The Official Observer program is being discontinued. A new program will be started, and the new title will be Volunteer Monitor. If you are currently or ever have been an Official Observer, you may reapply to become a Volunteer Monitor. February 19, 2019 will be the EMCOM convention it is in the preliminary planning stages. For more information go to www.Alachuaemcom.org. The S.E.T. meeting will be held on the 2nd weekend of October, Saturday and Sunday the 13 and 14th. The EOC antennas at the emergency shelters are scheduled to be installed on 14 October. The General License class is still in the planning phases.

Repeater trustee/VP: the repeaters are still having problems with transmitting and receiving on the SARS net. But all repeaters and antennas are working well. We have already made plans to use the tower climber that WUFT will be using, and that will save us a lot of money.

President's report: Pete is going to email Rob Carr to set up a face-to-face meeting with himself Larry and Shannon present.

Old business:

Pass down lists: The president reminded club officers of his request for Desk Guides for the jobs, duties and activities within the GARS structure.

Regarding the invitation of the new NFL section manager, Kevin Bess, to come and speak to the General Membership. The president has sent Kevin an email prior to my vacation

and spoke with him today on the phone and is willing to come to talk with the club in a future month.

New business:

Upcoming fall events.

Fall picnic/Boy Scouts of America jamboree on the air, JOTA, October 19th 20th and 21st 2018, Friday Saturday and Sunday. We are planning to hold the picnic as usual on Saturday the 20th. The mealtime has yet to be decided.

Programs for upcoming months:

August: Gordon Gibby KX4Z will speak on the Neighborhood HAM Watch and setting up groups to help people that have no contact with the outside world during emergency events, such as a hurricane.

September: open.

October: open.

A Motion was put to the Board to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and approved at 8:15 PM.

May God bless you and God bless America.

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary, GARS.