

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2017

President Peter Winters called the December Executive Board meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 7:05 PM.

Sickness Health and Welfare: Jay Garlitz is in the hospital. He had to have a kidney removed, reports are he's doing well. Bill Gilbreath is resting at Shand's with two hernias. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Secretary's report: The Secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reminds you to get your reservations for the annual Christmas banquet before December 12. You may also renew your membership at the party, membership prices have gone up to \$45 and \$55.

Webmaster's report: The website is in good shape.

A Motion to charge a two-dollar fee for online registering of your membership was put to the Board it was seconded and approved.

ARES report: ARES has 31 members on their roster. There will be a symposium on February 24, 2018, more details to come. Events will be on the website very soon, these are all the events we had and participated in in 2017, including the real event of hurricane Irma.

Repeater trustee/VP Report: All is going well with our repeaters. Shannon would like to split the 444.925 band and the 146.985 so that they are on their own separate antennas, and new cables. Shannon believes that this will stop a lot of the interference that we've been experiencing on these frequencies.

President's report:

Old business:

Operation Santa Delivery; The event date is Saturday, December 16, 2017. It will be held at Santa Fe college Northfield, which is located at NW. 39th Ave. and NW. 91st St. Set up must be completed by 9 AM. The event starts at 10 AM and should close approximately 12 PM.

GARS Christmas Banquet: The date is Tuesday, December 19, 2017, the third Tuesday of the month. I have spoken with Franny Long the Trinity United Methodist church's kitchen manager and she has given me the menu for the dinner. The meal will consist of a green salad and rolls, roast turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and carrots, cranberry sauce, an assorted dessert bar including cookies, pie and cupcakes, a drink bar with coffee, iced teas and water. Note: there will be a small doggie bag type container available for those who can't finish their meal, and to accommodate last-minute cancellations who have paid in advance.

Christmas banquet prizes: Are a Baofeng UV – 25X2 VHF/UHF mobile transceiver alert perceiver with programming cable. It was purchased at the Ocala Hamfest for the grand prize. There will also be various other prizes raffled off.

Nominations for HO Y/RDP awards; nominations have closed. the committee, Bob and Shannon, have made the appropriate selections. The trophies have been delivered to the engraver. At the committee's suggestion, I have approved a third award commencing this year to be named the Elmer award.

Elmer award: this award will be presented to the ham who has most encouraged the advancement of amateur radio, to new hams, such as teaching aiding in set up etc. this award will not necessarily be given out every year, only when a deserving person comes along.

New business:

Programs: January's program will be given by Art Grant KM4YGH.

Winter Field Day 2018; the date is Saturday, January 27, 2018. As a club, GARS should participate. A discussion on suitable locations needs to be held. We have the basics for a simple meal, grilled hamburgers/frankfurters, on hand in members freezers.

Winter Field Day is now and ARRL sanctioned event. We are still trying to figure out where to hold it.

A Motion was put to the Board to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and approved at 8:40 PM.

May God, bless you and God bless America.

May you and yours have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah and a joyous New Year. May the New Year's only get better.

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary, GARS.