

# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

## December 8, 2018

President Peter Winters called the September meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society Executive Board meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Those in attendance were: President Peter Winters W4GHP, Treasurer Susan Tipton K9PDL, Webmaster Bob Guertin W1GLV, ARES Coordinator Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Secretary Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ. Board members: Larry Rovak WB2SVB, Vann Chesney AC4QS. Also, at the meeting were President elect Debra Boal KI4CVS, Secretary elect Carol Chesney KG4FEX and board member elect John Troupe KM4JTE.

Sickness Health and Welfare: nothing to report.

Secretary's report: nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: all is good.

ARES report: we now have 23 people signed up with ARES connect with 13 on the fence. Their website is [nfl.arrl.volunteerhub.com](http://nfl.arrl.volunteerhub.com). The next ARES meeting will be on December 12 at the Red Cross headquarters from 6 to 8:30. Gordon Gibby will talk about SWR nomogram, come to the meeting and find out what that means!

Repeater trustee/Vice President: Shannon was under the weather, so he could not attend. Pete told us that all is working well.

President's report:

Operation Santa delivery: The event is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Santa Fe college's Northfield from NW. 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. We need someone to play Santa and Mrs. Claus and elves etc. the field will be available at 7:30 AM, Life South asks that set up be completed no later than 9 AM. We are assigned booth/space 10. We have decided that we are not going to hand out candy canes to the kids because last year they didn't really want them, and they made our microphones all sticky!

GARS annual Christmas Banquet/Awards Ceremony; will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, our regular meeting day for the month. Tickets are \$15 per person. You will get one raffle ticket with your dinner ticket and single raffle tickets will be sold at \$5 apiece, or 5 for \$20, what a deal. Franny at Trinity United Methodist Church has asked that we have a firm count of those attending by close of business on Wednesday, December 12. The menu is expected to be very similar to last year's excellent feast.

GARS Hamfest 2019: we have received approval from Waldo First Baptist Church to hold the event at their facility on Saturday, April 20, 2019. Our application has been submitted through the ARRL channels and we are a sanctioned event with the ARRL. We have talked with Jill Cole of Tower Electronics, our anchor vendor, and we're showing her on our flyers as our prime vendor. We need to start preparing to get volunteers to pass out flyers at Hamfest's that are coming up before ours, like the Orlando Hamcation which will be held

February 8, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2019. Good news we already have our first paying vendor scheduled to be at our Hamfest.

New business:

Start looking ahead towards Winter Field Day, Saturday, January 26, 2019.

Programs:

December: Christmas party.

January 2019: Kevin Bess, North Florida Section Manager has been invited to speak, a follow-up email was sent on December 6, 2018, and is yet unconfirmed.

**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. Enjoy the Christmas party, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary, GARS.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your Secretary for 2 years. I am looking forward to becoming a Board Member, thank you.