

GARS General Meeting

February 2020

I. Opening items: Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions

II. Sickness / Health and Welfare

Gregory lost sister-in-law

Helkie is in rehab learning to walk;

Larry busy helping his son.

Brandi Cartee 911 employee passed away.

III. OFFICER REPORT Sky

1. Treasurer report: January

- a. Paid ATT bill for repeater;
- b. Paid for 1 year of general meeting room;
- c. 1 Hamfest ticket sold; fees for printing tickets;
- d. Registration fee;
- e. Tax return for 2019 -30 fee, this is a new fee;
- f. PayPal deposits were made;
- g. Reimbursement for door prize;
- h. Adjust petty cash;
- i. Net decrease \$478.26;

2. Secretary report:

- a. Attendance
- b. Bi-laws being revised.

3. Webmaster Report: All meetings have been posted

4. ARES report:

- a. CEO was let go. He wasn't checking in with the group, low confidence; New search; Emergency manager position needs to be filled.
- b. Skywarn net – during weather event;
- c. EOC antenna feed line fixed by Shannon and Ryan, found that coax connectors were faulty, dummy load went to 70 ohms instead of 50, VHF polyphaser lightning protector designed for wrong frequency and had been blown by lightning; New lightning device ordered.
- d. 5 points of life; doing a half marathon; No contact made with GARS; GARS will not be participating this year.
- e. Reflectometer report confirmed that antenna modifications improved band reception

- f. TechConn – West Central College; Fri-Sat 6th annual conference; Location: Punta Gorda
- g. 3rd annual emergency conference Feb. 29 - Mar 1st.
 - g.i. Great speakers – Expert in voice communications (basic training)
 - g.ii. EC001 course: Test will on Monday at EOC, weather permitting..
 - g.iii. ARES task book will be supplied.
 - g.iv. Saturday – Gordon Gibby to be certified to evaluate applicants
 - g.v. 50 participants – including FL Baptist
 - g.vi. Summary of events
 - g.vi.1. MSCL completed MCS documentation – FSEP standards; HSEP documentation;
 - g.vi.2. Leadership track;
 - g.vi.3. Basic track;
 - g.vi.4. 8 deployment points - EOC emergency manage will be running the event. Everyone will generate messages to friends and family – digital and voice...email/telephone. Ohio/GA/FL. FL section task manager – will be participating.
 - g.vi.5. Help with building cables.
- 5. VP & repeater trustee report:
 - a. Repeaters are working. SARS link is working.
 - b. Visited with SARS trustees at Hamfest. Randy went to Springhill (I-75 and 39th) and replaced everything at main source.
 - c. Talking about feedline-ing an antenna. Working on cross-feed talking.
- 6. President report: Field day in June; Shannon, John, and Pete met with city council of Waldo, Field day has been approved of in AC. 2 baseball fields and building. They declined the offer of a donation to the city. K4BCP was a former council member, silent key. Double rhombic- will practice with before the day of the event. Large pavilion for cooking, can drive on field; 2nd floor can be used for emergencies. Request for 1x1 call = w4c.
- 7. Ham fest - Larry: Pete is assisting while Larry is out of town. Lost anchor vendor, Tower. 4th year. Vendors will be in front of church. Parking in the back. They have enough tables.
- 8. New members are important. Mike WB2FKO and wife Olivia, FT8 presentation.

VI: Presentation / Activity: Mike (WB2FKO) was first licensed in WN2FKO I 1976 in Tonawanda, NW, a suburb of Buffalo. He obtained a BSEE in 1981 and MSEE and 1983 from the University of Buffalo, then spent the next decade in the southern California aerospace industry. He received a PhD in Electrical Engineering in 1995 from UCF as a Hughes Aircraft doctoral fellow and was at the University of New Mexico for the next 23 years as a research scientist and instructor, During that time he was also a visiting scientist at the Max Born Institute in Berlin and a guest professor at the University of Konstanz in Germany. He retired from UNM in 2019 and moved to High Springs with his wife Olivia, KG5FHU. His primary amateur radio interest is weak signal VHF and VHF contesting. He has a startup company that is developing sensor technology for smart homes and buildings.

VII: Attendance:

W1CBR, N4OWO, KI4CVS, K4GLM, W4UFL, KG4FEX, AC4QS, K4GWQ, W4YGT, KX4Z, W1GLV, KG4VWI, WB2FKO, KI4WSL, K4ZSW, KG5FHU, KD0QIX, KK4DXF, WB2SVB, KM4OCZ, KM4JTE, KM4JTE, KM4MNV, WG4GHP, KN4KJB, KM4TGO, KO4BFW