

Executive board meeting minutes  
January 5, 2017

A meeting of the Gainesville amateur radio Society was held on January 5, 2017 at Bob Guertin's home W1GLV. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the President Pete Winters, W4GHP. The following members of the executive board were present.

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| Sam Ullman K4ZVD    | Vann Chesney AC4QS    | Bob Guertin W1GLV   |
| Larry Rovack WB2SVB | Susan Tipton K9PDL    | Jeff Capehart W4UFL |
| Shannon Boal K4GLM  | Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ |                     |

The President asked Susan, the Treasurer, if there is any news about the treasury. Susan stated everything is fine. She went on to explain how deposits through PayPal to the bank work. PayPal takes their cut before transfer.

The President asked Jeff, the ARES coordinator, if there was any new business. Jeff stated that he was working on a local MOU with the Red Cross. He also informed the board that the digital equipment installation is moving along well. He is also looking into fixing the antenna that fell over on the University of Florida's roof.

The President asked Bob, the Webmaster, for a report on website the for the club. Bob said that he made the awards page a PDF for security reasons. He stated the website is moving along nicely.

The President asked the Shannon, the VP/repeater trustee, for an update or new business. Shannon also said that we're going to need a new feed line for the 985 and the 444 antenna minimum of 500 feet of this wire or actually double this amount and that the antennas should be split onto two towers.

Pete brought up a concern. When driving past the repeater station twice in one day, he discovered the gates had been left open.

Larry Rovack provided information with regards to equipment to be installed in the two emergency operation centers. He stated that the equipment is on location, but not set up at this time. He also brought up the need for organizational chart of radio room operations. Jeff said he was going to talk to the acting Alachua County emergency manager, about getting this accomplished.

Pete provide dates for upcoming events: The Five Points of Life which will be held Sunday, February 26, 2017 and the March for Babies on April 1, 2017. Allen West, the coordinator for both events wants to step down as coordinator after the end of this year and would like someone to shadow him this year to learn the job and take over next year. It was also brought up that it doesn't have to be just one person.

Pete wants all firmware updated as soon as possible by Shannon.

Pete provided information with regards to this year's Operation Santa Drop which was held December 17, 2016. 14 members of the GARS were there to assist. 50 children came and got to talk to Santa on

the radio. It was noted that there was no amateur radio literature. He expressed that it was a great success and he thanked all of the volunteers.

The President then brought up old business, Winter field day. Winter field day will be held at Lochloosa Park on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Lochloosa Park is located just off US 301. The event is 24 hours long from 12 noon on Saturday till 12 noon on Sunday. We will be there from 12 PM Saturday to 5 PM. We will set up at the picnic tables and we will grill hamburgers and hotdogs etc. we will set up to radio stations. Volunteers should show up between 9 AM and 10 AM on Saturday.

Larry Rovack informed us that vendors are responding for the Ham Fest. Ham Fest will be held at the Waldo Baptist Church and it will be Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 8 AM to 2 PM. Larry had concerns about electrical outlets for the vendors and Shannon said there should be no problem. Pete Winters said that he is going to be the ticket chairman. Larry informed us that he needs chair people to run different groups for the Ham Fest. He needs someone inside to assist the vendors, someone outside to direct tailgate vendors and one for the parking lot. Additionally, he needs someone to take care of the food. Shannon said his daughter would be happy to be in charge of that and the board agreed.

Bob talked about programs at the general meetings. he suggests that we pick people from the general meeting members to make up a program and present it. They will have 90 days to get it ready and presented themselves or have someone present it for them. The presentations should be 15 to 25 minutes long. A motion was made to present this to the club and the motion was unanimously carried.

President inquired as to the necessity to re-inventory the club's equipment. Shannon replied that it was up to date. There was discussion with regards to insuring the equipment. Bob stated the current equipment is worth \$23,200 and to insure it would cost \$324.50/year. A motion was made to insure the equipment and it was unanimously carried.

Afterthought by the President: currently he is looking for new meeting venues. There are issues with the current venue. He suggested meeting at the Trinity United Methodist church, it would cost \$25 a meeting. We are also looking for other locations to hold our meetings. This will be discussed again.

We received a thank you note from Yvonne will, Larry's mother-in-law. It reads, "Dear members of GARS, Thank you very much for your help at the service for Ron. The rain really made it difficult, and you still managed the parking and were so helpful to guests. appreciatively, Yvonne will."

With no further business motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously carried and the meeting ended at 8:40 PM.

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For:

Gregory C. Sporer, Secretary, GARS.