

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2018

President Peter Winters called the May meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society Executive Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

In attendance were President Peter Winters W4GHP, Repeater Trustee/VP Shannon Boal K4GLM, Treasurer Susan Tipton K9PDL, ARES Coordinator Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Ron Smith KJ4HBF, Vann Chesney AC4QS, and Larry Rovak WB2SVB.

Sickness/Health and Welfare: Larry Rovak WB2SVB is recovering from his recent cataract surgeries with no ill effects.

Secretary's report: The Secretary was not in attendance due to a family commitment.

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

Webmaster: The Webmaster was not in attendance due to a family commitment. He had reported to the president by telephone that "all is good" with the website.

ARES: The ARES Coordinator reported that the Alachua County Emergency Manager, John Shaw has re organized the EOC under the Incident Command System (ICS) format. He is a proponent of the system, and he used it extensively while employed in the Jacksonville, Florida area. Jeff mentioned that he expects some "growing pains" to occur with this move, as ACFR is not entirely on board with such an undertaking. Jeff further mentioned that the use of the ICS 100 and ICS 700 are no longer required for reimbursement under revised FEMA guidelines, such a move is supported by the county in the way of reducing redundant paperwork. The next ARES meeting will be held on June 13th, 2018 at the Reed Cross building on NW 13th Street.

Repeater Trustee/VP: the repeaters are working fine. He mentioned that we (GARS) is still gathering data to present to WRUF in support of the desire to separate the 146.985 and 444.925 antennas into 2 separate units.

President's report: The president had no items for discussion and proceeded to the balance of the agenda.

Old business:

Field Day: The event is scheduled for June 23 - 24, 2018. The field at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 4011 NW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32605 has been reserved for the event. It's possible that some advance set up could be done on Friday, June 22nd. Gordon Gibby KX4Z has offered to lend GARS his 10kw generator, and the use of his newly acquired travel/camper trailer to give us additional air-conditioned space. A rather lengthy discussion was led by Jeff W4UFL on the mechanics of the ARRL Field Day Form (February 2018-FD Form). Jeff feels that it's use will help in determining points GARS can obtain for participation in the annual event. Shannon K4GLM, GARS Field Day Chairman, basically agreed in principle to the use of the form.

GARS Patches: A discussion was held concerning the purchase of a new supply of GARS patches. The club has one quote in house from Sign-Man in Baton Rouge, LA. Pete volunteered to interface with Allan West's wife to obtain a second quote to determine if the club desires to proceed with the ordering of a run of new patches.

GARS Awards Banquet/Christmas Dinner: Our meeting host, Trinity UMC has acknowledged that the Atrium in the education building has been reserved for December 18th, 2018 for the annual event.

New Business:

None to be considered.

Programs:

June: Field Day Preparations

July: Ham Radio Deluxe Logging Program; Power Point Presentation by Kevin Young KC7FPF

August: Open at Present

A motion was made, seconded, and duly approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

For the secretary:

Peter Winters, GARS President