

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

MINUTES OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)
March 24, 2016

An emergency meeting of the Executive Board (Board of Directors) of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society was held on Thursday, March 24, 2016, at the home of Bob Guertin, W1GLV. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 o'clock PM by the President, Pete Winters, W4GHP. The following members of the Executive Board were in attendance in addition to Mr. Winters:

Shannon Boal, K4GLM
Jeff Capehart, W4UFL
Bob Guertin, W1GLV

Hal Helms, WA4QLA
Larry Rovak, WB2SVB
Susan Tipton, K9PDL

The President announced that the purpose of the emergency meeting was to consider two urgent matters:

1. Whether GARS should take action with respect to the excess charges imposed by Storter-Childs printing with respect to the recent bulk mailing of a K4GNV QSL-style card; and
2. Repairs needed to restore the 146.820 repeater to fully functioning status.

Matter 1: Storter-Childs.

The President announced that he and Hal Helms, the GARS Public Information Officer, had determined that Storter-Childs had overcharged GARS \$185, as follows:

1. An additional charge of \$60.00 for a second proof copy; and
2. An additional charge of \$125.00 for a "mailing fee".

The President and Mr. Helms pointed out that only one proof copy was ever submitted by Storter-Childs, thus making the \$60.00 charge for a second proof copy in violation of the agreement between GARS and Storter-Childs. In addition, the "mailing fee" had never been mentioned by Storter-Childs. Instead, it was added late by Storter-Childs as a way to adjust the final price rather than honor the original estimated price.

Mr. Helms had paid Storter-Childs the \$185.00 out of his pocket. The question before the Executive Board was whether to request a refund of the \$185.00 from Storter-Childs. The Board voted to reimburse Mr. Helms for his out-of-pocket costs of \$185.00, and table the question of whether to request a refund from Storter-Childs pending further investigation.

Matter 2: Repeater repairs.

Shannon Boal, the GARS Repeater Trustee, reported that the 146.820 repeater had gone silent. After investigation, Shannon noted that the antenna appeared to be at an “odd angle, possibly bent”. After conversation with Rob Carr, the WUFT engineer, Shannon determined that there had been antenna work on the tower on which the 146.820 antenna is mounted, and that the helix feed line had a “splice” which was causing the current problem.

Shannon was able to acquire some connectors to fix the problem from Clarence “Barney” Williams, KD4IPN, for an agreed price of \$150.00.

In view of the total cost of replacing the line, including the connector replacement, hard line replacement and possible tower climb, the EB voted to cash in the CD it holds at the credit union and transfer those funds to savings at the credit union.

The total cost will be known soon. GARS believes that WUFT will be able to help with the work to minimize GARS’ costs. The EB voted to wait until WUFT reports back on what the cost will be, in light of its schedule and other factors, before taking further action.

The President said that the regularly scheduled EB meeting will be held on April 7, 2016, at which time the foregoing items will be considered further. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, adjourned at 9:05 o’clock PM.

Samuel C. Ullman, Secretary

