

General Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2017

President Peter Winters called the March 2017 General membership meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 6:35 PM. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then had everyone introduce themselves.

Sickness and health report: Nothing to report.

Secretary's report: Nothing to report

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer explained how the pie chart of income and expenses is laid out and explained our expenses. Note: 2017 membership dues are due by April 1, 2017.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded and the Treasurer's report was approved.

Webmaster's report: The website is working fine. Nothing else to report.

ARES report: there will be a hurricane preparedness test at the Gainesville Senior Ctr., Saturday May 6, 2017 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The Gainesville senior center is located across from the Walmart that is next to the Highway Patrol station.

Repeater Trustee/Vice President report: Everything is working well.

The President moved into old business. March for Babies 2017, the event is on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Allen West WA4JD and Pete Winters W4GHP are co-chairs this year.

GARS Hamfest is Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Waldo first Baptist Church, State Route 24 Waldo, FL 32694. Chairman Larry Rovak said that all vendor tables are sold out and swap tables are almost gone. All subcommittees need volunteers to help so please sign up to help with parking, selling tickets, tailgaters, talk in, vendor control: help vendors with problems.

Friday afternoon volunteers will be needed to help set up tables at the church. Please come to the church by 3 PM. There will also be need for volunteers to help clean up after the Hamfest.

The President then moved into new business. Field day 2017. The dates this year are June 24 and 25th 2017. The executive board has contacted Gethsemane Lutheran Church requesting to use their field again this year. Further details will be presented next month.

Bob Guertin spoke about raising the dues of the club. After some floor debate a motion to raise the dues to \$45 for a single membership and \$55 for a family membership was voted on and approved. It will take effect January 2018.

Ron Smith said he would do the general meeting program for May. First lottery drawing for subsequent programs will take place at the April meeting. Shannon Boal volunteered to do the program for July.

From the floor a motion was put forth to repair the eggs for the Easter egg hunt for the blind. Pete Winters said he would get in touch with them and get more information.

Hamfest tickets are \$5 apiece until the day of the show where and they will be \$7 dollars at the door. You can contact Pete Winters and Larry Rovak to get your tickets. They will be available at the next General Meeting.

If you are going to take a licensing test to upgrade your license class get in touch with Allen West before April 15, 2017. Walk-ins are welcome but preregistration is preferred.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was put on the floor and approved at 8:10 PM.

A hearty thanks to Doctor Jay Garlitz AA4FL, for his wonderful presentation on DXing around the world.

Gregory C. Sporer Secretary