

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)
May 5, 2016

A meeting of the Executive Board (Board of Directors) of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society was held on Thursday May 5, 2016, at the home of Bob Guertin, W1GLV. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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
Sam Ullman, K4ZVD

The Secretary, Sam Ullman, delivered his report.

The Treasurer, Susan Tipton, delivered her report.

The Repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal, delivered his report. He commented that the .820 repeater is doing very well. The traffic appears to be building up.

The Webmaster, Bob Guertin, delivered his report. He commented that everything is running smoothly. The Board decided that the "for sale" section of the website will be open only to members and family of deceased members selling equipment. Non-members will not otherwise be permitted to list equipment for sale.

The President called for Old Business.

The cost overrun on the recent printing of QSL cards by Storter Childs in connection with the recent GARS membership drive was discussed. Storter Childs had represented to GARS that its system could catch bad addresses. 890 cards were sent out, and slightly more than 100 came back as having bad addresses. In fact, then, So Storter Childs' system failed to catch many bad

addresses, at the cost of GARS. An attempt will be made to get a refund from Storter Childs of the ratable amount paid to it by GARS.

A discussion was held of the cable connectors purchased during the re-cabling of the repeater antenna. A portion of them will be returned.

An inventory will be taken of the repeater equipment as required to obtain insurance on the equipment.

A discussion of Hamfest was held. 121 tickets were sold at \$5 each, for a total of \$605, plus 35 tickets sold in advance, also for \$5 each. \$100 was taken out of the ticket receipts to be used as prize money for the raffle drawing. A discussion was held of expanding Hamfest in future years. In order to do this, additional vendors will be needed. Early planning will be necessary. Hal Helms has started contacting vendors. Hamfest for next year is scheduled for April 29, 2017.

A discussion was held of the repeater tower and equipment maintenance fund, which had been severely depleted during the recent purchase of new equipment and re-cabling work. The President reported that some contributions had already been received, but that GARS would need to continue promoting the fund in order to replenish it fully.

The President reported that a new winch for the tower trailer had been ordered, and would be delivered soon. A discussion was held of the possibility of replacing the tires and the wheels (rims) on the tower trailer if necessary.

The President reported that plans for Field Day are well underway, including scheduling operators, erecting antennas and securing computers for electronic logging of contacts. Hal Helms suggested that we reach out to groups of hams who are not members of GARS to participate.

The President called for New Business.

Hal Helms reported that he and Faye Helms are in the process of sorting information in order to have a complete roster of all GARS members with contact information. The roster would be used only for announcements and GARS business.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, adjourned at 9:00 o'clock PM.

Samuel C. Ullman, Secretary