

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2017

President Peter Winters called the May executive board meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 7 PM. In attendance were the following.

President Peter Winters W4GHP, Webmaster Bob Guertin W1GLV

Repeater Trustee/VP Shannon Boal K4GLM, Treasurer Susan Tipton K9PDL

ARES coordinator Jeff Capehart K4UFL, Secretary Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ

Larry Rovak WB2SVB, Vann Chesney AC4QS, Sam Ullman K4ZVD

Sickness/Health & Welfare: Walt Johnson was at the Hamfest and was looking good. Shania Gilbreath, wife of Bill Gilbreath a member of the club, fell in the parking lot at the end of the Hamfest cleanup and cut her head. First-aid was rendered and a rescue ambulance took her to Shands in Gainesville. She was held overnight for observation and sent home Sunday morning the 30th with six stitches. A follow-up a day after release by Shannon K4GLM, found her in good spirits.

Secretary's report: all is fine nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: our Hamfest netted the club \$1700. A celebration fundraiser dinner is planned between the May general meeting and Field Day. It was suggested that it be held at Jason's deli.

Webmaster's report: the website is looking good and the software is up-to-date. After much discussion, a **Motion** was made and seconded and approved to scrap the Yahoo! Groups notification entity, and replace it with a Gmail group. Treasurer Susan Tipton volunteered to consider establishment of a Gmail group, a **Motion** was made, seconded, and approved for the Treasurer to proceed with a Gmail group. He also said we need to build our own email group. A **Motion** to consider a Gmail group was seconded and modified to have Susan Tipton as Treasurer to consider it, the motion was unanimously approved.

ARES report: Jeff Capehart, W4UFL, gave a report stating that the Ares hurricane drill will be held this coming Saturday, May 6, 2017, using various stations around Alachua County. The drill will be held from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The May meeting will be held on the 10th 2017 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the EOC.

Repeater trustee/VP: the repeaters are fine. He will be presiding over the May general meeting as our President will be out of town.

President's report: Field Day, June 24 and 25th 2017 will be held at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church on the corner of 39th and 34th St. in Gainesville, we will have two work days one on June 3, 2017 to check out all our equipment. The second workday's date has yet to be decided. A **Motion** to give Gethsemane Lutheran Church a contribution of \$150 for the use of their field was moved seconded and approved. We will mow the field ourselves. He then brought up the idea of having plaques made in appreciation for letting us use their facilities for Waldo Baptist Church and Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Old business: Hamfest 2017. Larry spoke about collecting the call signs and email addresses from this year's ticket stubs to compile a database to notify this year's attendees about the 2018 Hamfest. He also talked about people we forgot to invite. Lofton high school as a ham radio club of their own. We will also consider inviting community service groups to help us move tables next year. Larry has sent emails to our vendors thanking them for their participation. They all replied and are saying that they will come back next year.

New business: Preplanning for the 2018 Hamfest.

1. Location, he recommends we stay at the same venue because it's halfway between Jacksonville and Ocala.
2. Date. A **Motion** to have the Hamfest on April 21, 2018 was moved seconded and unanimously approved.
3. Accommodations for vendors: Larry will reserve a block of rooms at the Best Western on US 301 in Waldo. This will give the vendors a place to stay at a reasonable price.
4. Pricing/fees: He recommends a two-tier pricing schedule for 2018. Development of a pre-registration cost paid in advance by March 1. After the cutoff date of March 1, we will establish a final price for table rental. Both categories will be for single table rental.
5. Develop an email list of the 2017 attendees by ticket stub information and email flyers to them.
6. Improve the flyer by having a map to show parking for the public, handicapped and tailgaters (possibly use the reverse side of the flyer) and include photos of the 2017 event on the front of the flyer.

Programs: Ron Smith, KJ4HBF, will present the May program. The June meeting will be about Field Day preparations.

A **Motion** to adjourn the meeting was moved seconded and unanimously approved at 8:40 PM.

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary