

# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

## May 3, 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, Webmaster Bob Guertin W1GLV, ARES Coordinator Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Secretary Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ, Ron Smith KJ4HBF, Vann Chesney AC4QS, Larry Rovak WB2SVB, and Gus Clifton KK4ACA.

Sickness/Health and Welfare: Walt Johnson is doing good.

Secretary's report: Secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: our account is split 50-50. Half in the red half in the green. We made just over \$1000 at Hamfest.

Webmaster: all is good.

ARES: the ARRL ECO online registration is not working. Get your ballots in to ARRL for our new Section Manager. Time is running out, by the way if you and your spouse are ARRL members you can put your ballot in its envelope and put both envelopes in one envelope to send to ARRL. The next ARES meeting will be held at the Red Cross Center on Wednesday, May 9 from 6 PM to 9 PM. There will be a demonstration on D.R.A.T.S. and shelter Wi-Fi also.

Repeater Trustee/VP: the repeaters are working fine.

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

Old business:

Larry said that this year's Hamfest went very well. We didn't make quite as much money as last year but made more money than we have in previous years. He sends out his thanks to the board and to the youth group from the church who helped set up tables and take them down again, and said that we will have them again next year. All the vendors did well. We had a lot of tailgaters.

**A Motion was put to the board to put half of the Hamfest proceeds into the savings account for the antenna job. It was seconded and approved.**

Gus Clifton spoke about the 2018 March for Babies. Things went well for most of the event, as well as can be expected. Gas commended the team on a very good job, nothing really needs improvement on the GARS side. There were multiple surprises as the morning unfolded but we identified them and communicated them to the event staff and they were taken care of. Our volunteers included Bob Guertin W1GLV at the net control station. Susan Halbert KG4VWI was our event liaison. At station 1 was Deborah Boal KI4CVS, and her husband Shannon K4GLM. At station 2 Cheryl Carr KK4CNP and Andy Hunn K4AGI. Station 3 Randy

Carter N4AYS and Stanley Liscombe KI4WSL. Station 4 Gus Clifton KK4ACA, and Rosemary Jones KI4QBZ. And our tail-end Charlie's were Chris Carr KG4NGR, on foot, and Kenneth Miller KF4ULO, on bicycle. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Field Day:

**A Motion was put to the board to give Larry money to buy 3 new batteries for the 3 laptops that are used at field day this motion was seconded and approved.**

The ARRL field day: the event is scheduled for June 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> 2018. We have received absolutely no feedback from Santa Fe College or its entities concerning holding a joint event with the SFC radio club. The field at Gethsemane Lutheran Church has been reserved for that weekend. The president recommend that we proceed in the direction to once again hold the event at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The board agreed.

New business:

The June 2018 Executive Board Meeting will not be held at Bob Guertin's house because he will be out of town. It will be held at Pete's house on June 7, 2018 Pete's address is 5905 NW. 54<sup>th</sup> Ter., Gainesville, FL 32653. He is in the Dear Run subdivision on NW. 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

The July 2018 Executive Board Meeting is scheduled to be held the first Thursday of July which is July 5. In discussion no one indicated a schedule conflict with holding the meeting will be held on that day. The board approved the date.

The annual GARS Awards Dinner/Christmas party: The president recommend that we consider holding the event at Trinity United Methodist Church. To do this, it is imperative that the atrium location within the building be reserved as soon as possible to ensure we get the facility. It will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of December which is the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**A Motion was put to the board to hold the Christmas party at the United Trinity Methodist Church on December 18, 2018 it was seconded and approved.**

Programs:

May: Ron Smith KJ4HBF is presenting the program.

June: Field Day preparations.

July: Ham Radio Deluxe Logging Software; A PowerPoint presentation by Kevin Young KC7FDF

**A Motion was put to the Board to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and approved at 8:35 PM.**

**May God, bless you and God bless America. Have a happy Mother's Day.**

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary, GARS.