

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)
November 5, 2015

A meeting of the Executive Board (Board of Directors) of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society was held on Thursday November 5, 2015, 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
Ronnie Smith, KJ4HBF
Susan Tipton, K9PDL
Sam Ullman, K4ZVD

The president announced that Buddy Cravasse had passed away. He was not an amateur radio operator, but he was a friend of amateur radio and of many GARS members.

The President called for the Report of the Secretary, Sam Ullman. The Secretary delivered his report.

The President called for the Report of the Treasurer, Susan Tipton. The Treasurer delivered her report. She also urged GARS members to pay 2016 ARRL dues early because those dues will increase effective January 1, 2016. The 2015 rate will apply, however, if 2016 dues are paid in 2015. She also urged members to pay ARRL dues through GARS because GARS will get a small amount of each payment without costing the members anything additional. Finally, she urged members to pay their 2016 GARS dues as soon as possible.

The President called for the report of the webmaster, Bob Guertin. The Webmaster suggested that a buy-sell section be added to the website. Only amateur radio equipment will be listed, and no commercial sellers will be allowed. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the suggestion was approved.

The President called for the report of the Repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal. The Repeater Trustee reported that changes to the time and other matters will be corrected on Saturday, November 7th.

The President called for the report of the Vice President, Jeff Capehart. The Vice President reported that he attended a recent meeting ARES at the Red Cross Headquarters. He said that ARES is part of GARS, although it is perceived as being separate. He also suggested that GARS members review the ARRL video on the Parity Act currently pending before Congress. The Act would allow amateur radio operators more freedom in erecting antennas.

The President then gave his report. He said the following,

He reported on the plans for Veterans Day. He has been in touch with Kim Smith, the Veterans Day Coordinator. He reminded GARS members that although there would be remote parking only, there would be drop-off at the site. He discussed what antenna systems would be used. He also said that Hal Helms, the Chief Information Officer, needs pictures of the GARS activities for public information.

He discussed the plans for a fund-raising event, and how difficult it had been to find a location. He said that because of the events planned for the rest of the calendar year, the event may be rolled over until early 2016.

He discussed the membership drive. He said that approximately 800 cards will be mailed to amateur radio operators in Alachua County early next year. The GARS March meeting would be as a membership drive meeting. He said that we should be sure to have a good program. He commented that the printing and mailing costs are working out to be cheaper than originally anticipated. Extra cards are being printed to be used on an ongoing basis.

He discussed the nominating committee.

He announced that he had appointed Larry Rovak and Hal Helms as a committee to accept recommendations for the Ham of the Year Award and the Rusty Drain Pipe Award. Those awards will be announced at the annual Christmas Party. He also announced that Nick Koenigstein will write the poem for the event as he has for many years.

He announced that the programs will be planned by the Vice President in the 2016, but that a Program Committee will be appointed to work with the Vice President.

He announced that Hal and Faye Helms would chair the GARS participation in Operation Santa Delivery.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, adjourned at 8:40 o'clock PM.

Samuel C. Ullman, Secretary