

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2017

President Peter Winters called the September meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society Executive Board meeting to order at 7 PM.

Present at the meeting were: President Peter Winters W4GHP, Repeater Trustee and Vice President Shannon Boal K4GLM, Webmaster Bob Guertin W1GLV, ARES coordinator Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Board Member Larry Rovak WB2SVB, Board Member Vann Chesney AC4QS, Treasurer Susan Tipton K9PDL, Board Member Sam Ullman K4ZVD and Secretary Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ.

Sickness/Health and Welfare: Beverly Winters KM4NMV, is recuperating from a nasty bump on her head and a sprained ankle and a cold, poor thing, but thankfully she is getting better.

Secretary's report: Secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer had nothing to report.

Webmaster's report: All is well with the website.

ARES report: the monthly ARES meeting will be held on November 8, 2017 at the Red Cross building. A program on 12 V power supply systems will be given. The meeting starts at 7 PM but come at 6 PM for the social hour.

Repeater trustee's report: all is well with the repeaters. But 985 and 425 are still having interference problems.

Vice President's report: The Boy Scout Jamboree On the Air, went well. We hope to be able to do winlink next year. The appreciation plaque from GARS was given to the Waldo Baptist Church at their Board Meeting October 29, 2017. They were very happy to receive it.

President's report:

Old Business:

Saturday, November 11, 2017 is the annual Veterans Day event. Those of you who are planning on attending should be there before 9 AM, the earlier the better as parking is at a premium. Our location should be roughly the same area as last year, i.e. the eastern side of the display area. The helo displays will arrive between 10 AM and 10:30 AM. The event starts at 11 AM and should be closing at approximately 12:30 PM.

Operation Santa delivery: the event date is Saturday, December 16, 2017. The event is at Santa Fe college on the Northfield, which is located at the corners of NW. 39th Ave. and NW. 91st St. in Gainesville. Set up must be completed by 9 AM the event starts at 10 AM and should close approximately 12 PM.

GARS Christmas Banquet: the date is Tuesday, December 19, 2017. I have spoken with Franny Long, the Trinity United Methodist Church kitchen manager. She will have a menu forthcoming. At the August General Meeting the price of \$15 per person was announced we need to start advertising the event. Franny Long asked that we have a firm count of the attendees to her by Tuesday, December 12. Door prizes will be raffled away. Your \$15 will get you dinner and one ticket for the door prizes. Raffle tickets will be sold at five dollars per ticket or five tickets for \$20. Be advised that your GARS membership expires on December 31, 2017. The price for a single membership has risen to \$45. The price for an entire family membership has risen to \$55. You may renew your membership at the Christmas party.

Election of officers and Executive Board Members for 2018: I have had no response from club members as to stewardship for the club. I guess we are going into this month's election as the nominees. The printed ballots should show a right line for each officer position, the executive board ballot should show several blank lines below the printed names.

New business:

Nominations for Ham of the Year and Rusty Drainpipe Award: nominations need to be received from the membership no later than December 1, 2017 nominations can be submitted to Bob W1GLV, or Shannon W-4 GLM, in writing, by email or by phone call. Go to the website for more information on these awards.

Christmas Banquet/Awards Dinner: we need to have door prizes, including a Grand Prize. We need to discuss ideas and options for door prizes and a committee to set up and take down tables and handle decorations.

I am going to recruit a trainee to learn the job of President. Hopefully to take over someday.

Program for January 2018: time is of the essence. We need to announce the program for the January 2018 program for the General Meeting. We will discuss this at the Christmas banquet.

Programs:

November: Elections and possibly a short program.

December: Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquet.

January 2018: Currently open.

A Motion was put to the Board to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and approved at 8:25 PM.

May God, bless you and God bless America.

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary, GARS.