

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP October 21, 2015

A meeting of the General Membership of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at the AvMed Building, 4300 N.W. 89th Blvd., Gainesville, Florida. The meeting was called to order by the President, Pete Winters, W4GHP, at 6:35 PM.

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the introduction of the members and guests. Approximately thirty people were in attendance.

The sickness and health report was delivered.

The Secretary, Sam Ullman, K4ZVD, delivered his report.

The Treasurer, Susan Tipton, K9PDL, delivered her report. She announced the GARS 2016 dues in the amount of \$25 for individuals and \$35 for families can be paid at the present time. She also announced that ARRL dues are increasing for 2016 from \$39 to \$49. The old rate (\$39) will apply, however, if 2016 dues are paid during 2015. She also announced that GARS will get a “commission” payment for any members who pay their 2016 ARRL dues through GARS. Members are asked to speak directly to Susan for details.

The Webmaster, Bob Guertin, W1GLV, delivered his report.

The repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal, K4GLM, delivered his report.

The Vice President, Jeff Capehart, W4UFL, delivered his report, including a discussion of ARES activities.

The President delivered his report. He announced that he, Bob Guertin, W1GLV, and Larry Rovak, WB2SVB, attended a debriefing meeting for the National Preparedness Event on behalf of GARS. He announced that Alachua County plans to conduct two preparedness event next year.

The President call for old business. He announced that:

The GARS Fall Picnic was held on Saturday October 17th. Twelve Boy Scouts attended, took part in the national Jamboree on the Air program, and earned Radio Merit Badges.

A fund-raising event is being planned for November. Details will be announced.

Hal Helms, WA4QLA, the GARS Chief Information Officer, is working on a direct mailing from GARS to approximately 855 hams who reside in Alachua County inviting them to join GARS. Some hams from adjacent counties may be included in the mailing as well. The mailing itself looks like a QSL card. A copy was circulated among the members for informational purposes

GARS Board Members and Officers for 2016 will be elected in November. Two volunteers are needed for the Nominating Committee.

The President called for New Business. The President announced that:

GARS will participate in the Veteran's Day event at Kanahapa Veterans' Memorial Park to be held on Wednesday, November 11th. GARS will have an information booth which will distribute information about ham radio. Volunteers are needed for the booth.

A Program Committee is being formed to work with the Vice President in planning programs for the General Membership Meetings.

The GARS Auxiliary is planning the menu and other aspects for the GARS Holiday Party and Awards Banquet to will be held on Thursday, December 17th. GARS will provide turkeys and a few other items. Members are being asked to bring other food, including appetizers, side dishes and desserts, to the event. Members were asked to let the Auxiliary know by email addressed to GARSAUX@GMAIL.COM what they would bring.

GARS will again participate in Operation Santa Delivery to be held on December 12th at Santa Fe College. Hal Helms, WA4QLA, and Faye Helms, KM4HXM, will serve as co-chairs for the event.

The program was then held. Andy Milluzzi, KK4LWR, delivered the program.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Samuel C. Ullman, Secretary