

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2017

President Peter Winters called the October meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 7:05 PM.

Present at the meeting were: Peter Winters W4GHP, Shannon Boal's K4GLM, Susan Tipton K9PDL, Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Sam Ullman K4ZVD, Vann Chesney AC4QS, Larry Rovak WB2SVB, Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ.

Sickness Health and Welfare: Bob Guertin's brother-in-law passed away. Susan Halbert broke her wrist but is doing fine.

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

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

Webmaster's report: this report was given by the President; the website is up and running.

ARES report: 50 ham radio operators were deployed to Puerto Rico after hurricane Irma. They set up the first and only communications coming in and out of the country. Sections Emergency Coordinator position is open to anyone who may be interested. We were told by a high-ranking official in the Alachua County Sheriff's office that our radio club is an important asset for the Sheriff's Department, being a backup system for the Sheriff's office. He is going to consider our shelter setups and radio systems to hopefully get the ball rolling and get our systems working.

Repeater trustee/VP: the repeaters are working. HR 555 the law that says homeowner's associations cannot complain about amateur radio antennas in the yards of amateur radio users who live in their subdivision. SB 1534 is up for debate and it would behoove us if you contacted Senator Nelson to let him know that you are in favor of this bill passing.

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

Old business: our GARS fall picnic/JOTA event is on track it will be held Saturday, October 21, 2017. We need to be there early, as shelters are first come first serve. The event is scheduled to be held at San Felasco Park on Northwest 43rd Way. This is the city park immediately north of WCJB TV 20s facility off NW. 43rd St. Boy Scout troop 454 from Trinity United Methodist church has been invited to participate along with Larry's son-in-law's troop. What is desired for the event menu? We generally serve frankfurters and hamburgers with chips and drinks. Last year we had too many hotdogs left over and not enough burgers, so that will be addressed this year. We also need a volunteer to do the barbecuing. If you are so inclined please talk to Pete and let him know you are interested.

November Veterans Day event: Saturday, November 11, 2017. GARS will be participating as usual.

Operation Santa delivery: the registration form has been forwarded and duly acknowledged and accepted by life south for GARS participation in the annual operation Santa delivery event. The event date is Saturday, December 16, 2017. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

GARS Christmas banquet: the date is December 19, 2017, the third Tuesday of the month. I am endeavoring to get a meeting set with Trinity's kitchen manager to set the menu. At the August General Meeting, the price of \$15 per person was announced. We need to know if you are coming and how many tickets you will need. This will all be discussed at the October General Meeting.

Election of Officers and Executive Board members lives Executive Board for 2018: I, Pete, have had little response from several members I have asked concerning the selection of Officers and executive board members. If you are interested in becoming an Officer or a Board Member or know someone who may be suited for either position please let us know at the October General Meeting. The Elections will be held at the November General Meeting.

GARS Hamfest: the annual GARS Hamfest is set for Saturday, April 21, 2018. Larry, our Hamfest chairman, has sent out Save the Date postcards to our 2017 vendors that attended. We will not have access to any six or 8 foot tables from the friends of the library as their spring book sale opens on our Hamfest day. For more information on Hamfest go to our website www.gars.club.

Nominations for Ham of the Year/Rusty Drainpipe Award: nominations need to be received from the membership no later than December 1, 2017. Ham of the Year for the criteria on the Most Outstanding Award, which is commonly referred to as the Ham of the Year Award, please click on the Awards Criteria button on the club website www.gars.club. Rusty Drainpipe Award: this award is named after the Gars club member, the late William Wells K4RDP. It started about 15 years ago given in honor of the late Bill Wells was employed by the Bell/ATT phone system. He was a great storyteller, and a practical joker. It is given to a member who exhibits a supporting role to the club. In the last 5 to 6 years it has evolved to a runner-up award to the Ham of the Year Award.

Programs

October: Shannon has arranged for Bruce McIntosh to be our guest speaker.

November: Elections and possibly a short program.

December: Will be our Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquet.

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.

Gregory C Sporer, Secretary, GARS.