

# General Meeting Minutes

## October 16, 2018

President Peter Winters opened the October General meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society meeting at 6:40 PM. He led us in the pledge of allegiance and then started the introductions.

Sickness/Health and Welfare: The president announced that Donald Furlong KM4EOY had passed away on October 8<sup>th</sup> while under the care of Hospice. Vice President Shannon Boal presented a eulogy in Don's honor. We shall miss the "Enthusiastic Opportunist Yankee" as Don labeled himself.

Secretary's report: nothing to report

Treasurer's report: The treasurer presented the treasurers report for the month of September 2018, along with the accompanying pie chart graph which tracks the expenses for the year to date. **A Motion to the General Membership to approve September's treasurers report was put to the floor, seconded, and approved.**

Webmaster's report: all is good.

ARES report: The clubs ARES coordinator reviewed the AREAS calendar for the remainder of the year. The next ARES meeting will be on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Red Cross offices on NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Gainesville.

Repeater trustee/VP report: everything is working.

President's report:

Gus Clifton wants to step down from his job as Events Coordinator. We need a volunteer by the middle of December. His job includes staffing stations with radio operators throughout the routes of our events and coordinating with the event sponsor.

Old business:

The GARS fall picnic is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the city of Gainesville's San Felasco Park off NW. 43<sup>rd</sup> St. This Park is just north of TV 20s facility on NW. 43<sup>rd</sup> St. We will need volunteers to be at the park early to secure a picnic shelter. Please get in touch with Pete about what you can bring or do or contribute to this awesome event.

Save the date: The Annual Awards Dinner and Christmas Party. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2018 here in Trinity's atrium. The cost is the same as last year, \$15 per person.

Due to hurricane Michael, the GARS and ARES cosponsored SET (simulated emergency test) exercise that was scheduled on October 13, 2018 is canceled.

Officers and Executive Board members for 2019: candidates are needed for the annual elections that are held in November at the General Meeting November 20, 2018. If anyone in attendance is interested in a position, please see Gregory or Pete at the end of this meeting.

The president mentioned that he has held the office for 5 years and although he's has enjoyed it. he's am ready for a break. Thank you very much.

New business: none

Afterthoughts:

November 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a General License class. To sign up or for more information get in touch with Gordon Gibby, KX4Z, [ggibby@anest.ufl.edu](mailto:ggibby@anest.ufl.edu). (352) 246-6183.

**A motion was put to the general membership to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and approved at 8:20 PM.**

**May God bless you, and God bless America. Happy Halloween!**

**Gregory Sporer, Secretary GARS**