

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)  
June 24, 2016

A meeting of the Executive Board (Board of Directors) of the Gainesville Amateur Radio society was held on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at the home of Bob Guertin, W1GLV. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 o'clock by The President, Pete Winters, W4GHP. The following members of the The Executive Board were in attendance in addition to Mr. Winters:

Robert Guertin, W1GLV  
Larry Rovak, WB2SVB  
Susan Tipton, K9PDL

Hal Helms, WA4QKLA  
Jeff Capehart, W4UFL  
Ronnie Smith, KJ4HBF

A guest, Gordon Gibby, KX4Z, was also in attendance

The Secretary's Report was presented by the President in the Secretary's absence. The Club Secretary Sam Ullman, K4ZVD, is preparing for his upcoming surgery. Beverly Winters, KM4MNV, has agreed to sit as Acting Secretary in Mr. Ullman's absence.

The President called for the report of the Treasurer, Susan Tipton. The Treasurer delivered her report.

The President called for the report of the webmaster, Bob Guertin. The Webmaster reported that the GARS website: <http://www.gars.net> is running well.

The President presented the report of the Repeater Trustee, Shannon Boal, was absent on vacation.

The President called for the ARES report. Jeff Capehart presented the report. Jeff indicated that the statewide hurricane drill held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May was successful, but could have been better if certain band frequencies were better utilized. Jeff reported that the Alachua County Emergency Manager, David Donnelly, has resigned to accept a position in South Carolina. Among other things discussed under the ARES banner were co-operation between the county EOC, Alachua County School Board, Red Cross and GARS to help establish permanent radio link sites within the county designated emergency shelters. Guest Gordon Gibby, KX4Z, provided some insight as to antenna design/erecting at the shelter locations. A work day has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 2, to test antennas with the GARS tower trailer in this regard.

The President announced that the pre-field day work day will be Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, vice Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>, at the field day site. This change was necessitated by the chair of the event's work schedule with Alachua County.

A brief discussion was held in a round table format concerning the continuing issue with Starter-Childs Printing over the overcharges that GARS incurred in the recent bulk mailing. The Secretary will draft a letter next week for the President's signature stating GARS position in this matter.

A discussion was held requesting the Secretary to draft letters to individuals who have recently donated funds to the GARS Antenna/Repeater Fund, thanking them. The threshold for such donation letters has been established at an amount of over \$50.00.

It was decided by the board to remain at Waldo 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church for one additional year for the GARS annual Hamfest. Larry Rovak, WB2SVB, has assumed the duties of contacting possible vendors to increase the footprint of the annual event.

The President reported that Bob, W1GLV, Larry, WB2SVB, and he had established an informal net at 1900 hours on May 24<sup>th</sup>, with Douglas Bell, KM4EPI, and cub master of Pack 127 in NE Gainesville. The cub master is introducing his cub scouts to amateur radio. Mr. Bell had a scout that operated on 2 meters under supervision of Mr. Bell. Bob Guertin talked with the young lad and promised him a 2meter/70 cm portable radio if he passed the Technician exam.

Additionally, the President delivered a report about W4TWL, the student club that has been established at Lofton High School in Gainesville. The President mentioned that he spoke with Bob Lightner, the W4WTL club advisor/trustee and invited the club members to the GARS Field Day in June.

A discussion was held concerning the GARS 440 repeater and its interface with the statewide SARS network. Larry, WB2SVB, will do some checking and report back to the board at a future date.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was duly made and seconded and unanimously adopted to the adjourn the meeting at 9:00 o'clock PM.

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Beverly Winters, Acting Secretary