



Meeting Date: July 24, 2022
7378 W. Atlantic Blvd #147
Margate, FL 33063

Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association

Board Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order

Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT) called on ZOOM to order the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association's Board meeting at 14:44 EDT (18:44 UTC) on July 24, 2022. A quorum was present with six board members.

Members present: Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT), Charlie Artner (KN4VDW), Erik Olmer (W4EJO), Jeff Stahl (K4BH), Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR), Tom Savoca (K9TJS)

Members Absent (Excused): Ricki Witte (KJ4FSJ)

2) Old Business

a) Echo Link – Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)

On hold due to other projects.

b) WinLink – Charlie Artner (KN4VDW)

On hold due to other projects.

c) 2023 Winter Field Day / Summer Field Day

January 28-29, 2023, is penciled in for Quiet Waters Park. Erik Olmer (W4EJO) has not touched base with Carol Sjursen (KJ4AWB) yet to work on the letter of intent (see sample) for both field days. The deadline for the letters has been extended to August 3, 2022.

d) 2022 ARRL Summer Field Day Recap/Discuss future events

Charlie Artner (KN4VDW) made the motion to adopt the ICS model presented by Jeff Stahl (K4BH) for future Field Day administration. Motion seconded by Jeff Stahl (K4BH); motion passed 6-0.



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e) HF Station – Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)

The noise level is still very high on 80m. The plan was to move the end-fed antenna to the east side of the building. Due to Ricky Eaton's (KD4HGR) busy schedule, the antenna move has not happened yet. It was also suggested to drop the HF project altogether. After some discussion, this idea was pushed aside for now until the following steps have been executed:

- (1) Move the antenna to the eastside and check if the noise situation has improved
- (2) If it has not improved, try a center-fed dipole antenna or TFD.

Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR) will attempt to move the antenna before the next board meeting.

f) Move WX station to *Point of Americas* – Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)

Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT) asked Dirk Basting (N4AN) if he would host the WX station, and he agreed. Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR) will have to find time to get it from Boca and bring it to Dirk.

g) ARRL GRANT

Tabled until next meeting.

3) *New Business*

a) New banners for our events

Charlie Artner (KN4VDW) will contact Peter Roark in TX to get an estimate for a new Branding Guide.

b) Boca Repeater

Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR) reported that he had not yet replaced the repeater at our Boca location. We also do not have a new site for the repeater.

4) *Adjournment*

Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT) adjourned the meeting at 15:58 EDT (19:58 UTC).



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A. Appendix

1) To-Do List

Name	Task	Due Date	Completed
Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)	Scout for a new location for the Boca repeater	ASAP	
Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)	Provide equipment list to Erik for Grant Application	???	
Erik Olmer (W4EJO)	Prepare a proposal for Grant Application	???	
Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)	Install Echo Link on .610 repeater	On Hold	
Charlie Artner (KN4VDW)	Install AllStar on 442.5000	On Hold	
Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)	Move the antenna to the east side of the building	August 21, 2022	
Charlie Artner (KN4VDW)	Send Erik Olmer a link to purchase the computer for WinLink	August Board Meeting	
Erik Olmer (W4EJO)	Letter of Intent for 2023 Winter Field Day	August 3, 2022	
Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)	Talk to Eric Rodrigues (KF4LZA) about a new Boca location	ASAP	
Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)	Contact Dirk to move WX station on his repeaters	ASAP	
Charlie Artner (KN4VDW)	Contact Peter Roark and get an estimate for a Branding Guide	August 10, 2022	