



Meeting Date: August 21, 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 14:46 EDT (18:46 UTC) on August 21, 2022. A quorum was present with five board members.

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

Members Absent (Excused): Ricki Witte (KJ4FSJ), Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)

2) Old Business

a) Echo Link – Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)

Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR) was absent. Report tabled until next meeting.

b) WinLink – Charlie Artner (KN4VDW)

We are ready to purchase the laptop.

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.

d) HF Station – Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)

Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR) was absent. Report tabled until next meeting.

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

Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR) was absent. Report tabled until next meeting.



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f) ARRL GRANT

Tabled until next board meeting.

g) Banners

Nobody has done anything regarding banners.

3) New Business

a) Boca Repeater

Robert Ligum (KN4WII) is waiting for a friend to call him back regarding the possibility of putting our repeaters at the Boca Towers.

b) Branding

Erik Olmer (W4EJO) knows people in NY who are attending school specifically for this type of artwork. He believes that they will be willing to help the club to be able to add more examples to their portfolio and a letter of recommendation. Erik Olmer (W4EJO) will have some ideas by the next board meeting on September 18, 2022.

c) Computer for WinLink

Erik Olmer (W4EJO) will order the computer suggested by Charlie Artner (KN4VDW) and have it shipped to Charlie Artner (KN4VDW).

d) Money Minder Status on Data

The issue was resolved offline.

e) Dinner for SK – Memory Bricks

The dinner to honor the SKs will be on September 18, 2022, at 19:00hrs at Wings Plus. DCARC and Palmetto club were invited to the event.



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f) October 1 – ARES/RACES exercise

ARES/RACES will conduct an emergency exercise on October 1ST simulating a cyber-attack. Follow up discussion will be on October 8 at the Melbourne HAMFEST. Charlie Artner (KN4VDW) will add this event to the GCARA event calendar.

g) Garry Metz (KQ4AYH)

Garry Metz (KQ4AYH) sent an email to some of the board members and Carol Sjurson (W4AWB). In this email he is asking the board to “...allow *American Episodes* to have full autonomy to professionally edit and distribute in good taste film content captured during Field Day held on public domain without having the board pre-approve or suggest edit corrects for his documentary content...”

Erik Olmer (W4EJO) already had a conversation with Garry Metz (KQ4AYH), and Erik moved to reject his request. Seconded by Jeff Stahl (K4BH), and the motion carried unanimously. Then Charlie Artner (KN4VDW) moved to grant Erik Olmer (W4EJO) the authority to deliver the board’s decision to Garry Metz (KQ4AYH), seconded by Tom Savoca (K9TJS), and this motion also carried unanimously.

4) Adjournment

Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT) adjourned the meeting at 15:23 EDT (19:23 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	