



Meeting Date: Aug 22, 2023
7378 W. Atlantic Blvd #147
Margate, FL 33063

Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association

General Meeting Minutes

1) **Call to Order**

Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT) called to order on ZOOM the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association's regular meeting at 7:31 pm on Aug 22, 2023. A quorum was present with 26 members (see Appendix A)

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- Greetings, Introductions of Board Members, Members and Guests

- Poll Results as reflected on 8-20-2023 were discussed

- **GCARA does NOT tolerate angry emotional outbursts in Public Venues for any reason.** Anyone involved, either causing or acting out will be ejected from the membership. All your personal issues should be resolved in person and in private BEFORE attendance like civilized persons. We are a peace loving tolerant group who remain amicable to others under EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE. It is expected of adults and required for membership.

Furthermore, should you witness an emotional altercation, or a medical emergency, notify management and under NO CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVE YOURSELF IN THE MATTER unless directed to do so. Let those in charge (i.e. Club management, or professional medical personnel such as a nurse, Certified First Aid personnel or medics handle the situation. Trying to be too helpful in these situations has destroyed privacy of one individual and almost injured myself when handling an emotional outburst. SIT, OBSERVE, and REMAIN CALM! We understand how hams like to



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help, but you must understand there is such a thing as being too much help by getting in the way, or delaying medical assessment and services

2) Secretary's Report – Ben Echavarria (N7BBE)

Ben Echavarria (N7BBE) motioned

to approve the minutes from July 2023

Approval of previous for July 25, 2023 as printed on W4BUG.org website.

Attendance was taken for officers, members and guests. (see appendix A)

3) Vice President – Interim is Joe McGee (NX4T)

- **Committee Reports:**

- Testing - **K4BH** Jeff Stahl

- 3 applied, only 1 showed up and passed the Tech exam

- Broward ARES/RACES – **KJ4AWB** Carol Sjursen RACES Chairman

- We still need Shelter Operators, Please volunteer if you are able.

4) Treasurer – Dirk Basting (N4AN)

- Current checking balance: \$8519.93

- Current Stripe balance: \$163.57

- Current Cash on Hand \$0. (none)

- Membership

- Annual Current - 84

- Annual Family - 7



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- Lifetime - 27
- Unpaid - 30 (working on it)
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5) Repeater Report – Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR) Repeater Trustee

- Board will agree to entire vision of club hardware by August, auction/sell Surplus equipment and purchase equipment needed to complete vision of hardware
- Talk to Ricky Eaton (KD4HDR) if you have ideas for the clubs hardware (repeaters, Dstar?. Deployable repeater, winlink node, etc.)
- Linking Repeaters for public service emergencies remotely and thru internet
- HF remote station is being taken down due to lack of use
- Echo Link and Winlink are coming
- We need to get the remote sites back up

6) Director at Large – Ricki Witte KJ4FSJ

- Sunshine Committee – Report on any “good and welfare” topics about Club membership
- Prayers for wives of Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR) and Alan Karden (N4ALK)
- Both post surgery
- Special Recognition goes to the following faithful and dutiful members:
Carol Sjursen KJ4AWB
Jerry Deitch W4LST
- Upcoming Meetings
 - September 10, 2023 – Dinner at Wing’s Plus (date changed due to



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- General Meeting at Imperial Point Sept. 26, 2023
 - 6:00 pm TESTING
 - 7:30 pm Business portion of meeting begins
 - 8:15pm PROGRAM to be announced
- New members since last General Meeting
 - Dr. Tom McClain N3HPR
 - Sandy McClain N3LKW
- Renewals
 - Al Nevares N4ACN
 - James McLaughlin Jr. KK4HLC
 - Sylvester Moore KQ4HEB
- **NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS:**
 - David Crane K4RU
 - Alberto Nevares N4ACN

7) PIO Report – Tom Savoca (K9TJS)

- Wing's Plus RSVP notice has been discontinued
- New Forms coming for club badges
- Ordering new business cards
- Club meeting location will be changed

8) Old Business

- Dirk Basting N4AN – Giving up old Club PO Box for PO Box in his building.



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9) New Business:

- None

10) Announcements:

1. Carol Sjursen RACES Officer KJ4AWB – Still need shelter Volunteers
2. Barry Porter KB1PA – Nominating Committee to vote Joe McGee NX4T as Vice President
3. Motion Voted and Passed by Acclimation

11) Adjournment

- Adjournment at 8:28 pm for program speaker

Program – Speaker Ricky Eaton KD4HGR Repeater Trustee – Discussion on development
of Repeater situation

APPENDIX –A- Board Members

Melanie Fernandez – President, Joe McGee- Vice President, Ben Echavarria- Secretary, Tom Savoca- PIO, Ricky Eaton – Repeater Trustee, Dirk Basting – Treasurer, Ricki Witte – Member At Large

Members:

Carol Sjursen KJ4AWB

Alan Lislser NT4AL

Jerry Deitch W4LST

Jeff Stahl K4BH

Bill Mercer KE8TPU

Sam Greenfeld N2URO

Michael Wolfe K2HXC

Edwin Wheeler K4ADD

Al Flapan AF4FA

Paul Passman WB0BBC

Jesse Shannon KJ4FKK

Jeff Beals WA4AW

Sylvan Pierre KB1EFW

Elliot Spiro N2HYD

Brandy Coolidge N1HO

David Warner KB4ICU

Aurora Figueiredo WD4AGF

Tom McClain N3HPR



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