



Meeting Date Sept. 10, 2023

2200 S. Ocean Lane #1607

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316

Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association

Board Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order

Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT) called the meeting to order at 2:39 pm on Sept. 10, 2023. A quorum is present with six (6) board members

Members present: President Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT), Vice President Joe McGee (NX4T) Secretary Ben Echavarria (N7BBE), Treasurer, Member at Ricki Witte (KJ4FSJ), PIO Tom Savoca (K9TJS), Trustee Rick Eaton (KD4HGR)

Absent: Treasurer Dirk Basting (N4AN)

2) Secretary - Ben Echavarria (N7BBE)

- Approval of previous minutes.
- Attendance taken of officers.

3) Presidents Report – Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT)

- Reminder about supporting amateur radio community



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GCARA stands on its own merits and always supports other clubs

We seek ways to work in tandem with other clubs so the amateur radio

Community benefits from the synergy of each club's unique specialities.

Small minds talk about others, big minds talk about ideas.

- **Future events**

- **Board Meeting September 10, 2023, Zoom at 2:30 pm**

- **GCARA General Meeting 7:30 pm Tuesday, September 26, 2023,**

Meeting on Zoom Room will open at 6:30 pm for socialization of members

Jeff Stahl (K4BH) to present KAHOOTZ game after business portion of meeting

- **October 22, 2023, 2:30 pm GCARA Board Meeting on Zoom**

- **October 22, 2023, 7:00 pm, Wings Plus Dinner**

- **October 24, 2023, 7:30 pm, GCARA General Meeting**

Speaker – Kai Siwiak will talk about antennas

- **Introduce slate for 2024 Board of Directors**

- **November 26, 2023 GCARA Board Meeting @ 2:30pm on Zoom**

- **November 26, 2023, 7:00 pm, Wing's Plus Dinner**



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- **November 28, 2023, 7:30 pm, GCARA General Meeting with elections of 2024 Board**
- **Short program TBA**
- **NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER 2023**

4) Treasurer Report Dirk Basting (N4AN) away, excused, Per email report:

- **Current banking balance \$8374.39 as of 9/10/2023**
- **Family Memberships 7 Lifetime 28 Unpaid 28 Paid 86**

Note: collection efforts on unpaid members by phone calls and verbal requests

5) Repeater Trustee – Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)

- **Winlink and Echolink are still in the works**
- **All of our repeaters are up and running**

6) Member at Large – Ricki Witte (KJ4FSH)

Sunshine Committee – Report on any “good and welfare” topics about club members



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- **Ricky Eaton's wife is undergoing medical treatment and Ricky is taking care of her**
- **Al Kardin said his wife is in hospice at home**

7) PIO – TOM SAVOCA (K9TJS)

- **Website and social media report**
Will soon be ordering our Banners.

8) Old Business

- **Banners – Waiting on design**

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Banners as quoted: 8/20/2023 @Board Meeting and approved

Qty – 1 4' X 2' White banner w/color printed Logo and Arri logo w club name and website \$91.88 plus \$19.00 set up fee.

Qty – 2 6' X 2' White Banner color printed Logo and copy \$309.22 plus \$19.00 set up fee



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- **Business Cards/QSL Cards – designs discussed, need to be finalized and ordered**
- **Badges are available – Give Tom Savoca (K9TJS) names of those who want to donate \$10.00**
To order badges
- **Dirk Basting (N4AN) will handle taxes for 501(C)(3) and address changes for IRS, Sunbiz**
And incorporation?

9) New Business –

- **Handling disturbances to meetings in the future**
A Discussion was held
- **Winter Field Day preparations – Leader/Chairman Joe McGee (NX4T)**
 - **Technical – Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR) , Dan Vasilca (AI4WW)**
 - **Hospitality – Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT)**
 - **Carol Sjursen (KJ4AWB) handled both WFD and SFD reservations at**
Quiet Waters Park for 2024. Thank You Carol



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- **End of year reports for ALL Officers to relate what was done and what was left undone to be Addressed by the next board.**
- **Take a poll on who will stay on the Board in present position for 2024**
 - President _____**
 - Vice President – Ben Echavarria (N7BBE)**
 - Secretary – Ricki Witte (KJ4FSJ)**
 - Treasurer – Dirk Basting (N4AN)**
 - Director PIO – Tom Savoca (K9TJS)**
 - Director at Large – Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT)**
 - Repeater Trustee – Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR) Repeater trustee is an appointed position**
- **What Board position would you like to do in 2024? Take notes and get Barry Porter to fill in Open categories.**

11) Announcements - None

9) Adjournment

- **Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm**



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