



Meeting Date: Oct. 24, 2023
2200 S. Ocean Lane #1607
Margate, FL 33316

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 Oct. 24, 2023. A quorum was present with 16 members in attendance (see Appendix A)

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- Greetings, Introductions of Board Members, Members and Guests

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

Ben Echavarria (N7BBE) motioned

to approve the minutes from September 26, 2023

Approval of previous for Sept., 26, 2023 as printed on W4BUG.org website.

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

3) **Vice President – Joe McGee (NX4T)**

- **Committee Reports:**
 - Testing - **K4BH** Jeff Stahl
 - Broward ARES/RACES – **KJ4AWB** Carol Sjursen RACES Chairman

We still need Shelter Operators, Please volunteer if you are able. Letters are going out for the Winterfest Boat Parade.



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4) Treasurer – Dirk Basting (N4AN)

- Current checking balance: \$8573.38
- Current Stripe balance: \$0
- Current Cash on Hand \$0
- Membership – 6 Members- – Lifetime 26 Family 6 Paid 56 unpaid 25

5) Repeater Report – Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR) Repeater Trustee

- All repeaters are working
- Echo link and Winlink projects have been cancelled.
- There will be a list of for the club of excess equipment for sale.
- We are moving forward to have updated equipment.

Talk to Ricky Eaton (KD4HDR) if you have ideas for the clubs hardware.

6) Director at Large – Ricki Witte KJ4FSJ

- Sunshine Committee – Report on any “good and welfare” topics about Club membership
- Barry Porter (KB1PA) is still in the hospital.
- Ricky Eatons wife is Recovering at home.
- **Upcoming meetings**
- November 26, 2023 – Board Meeting
- Wing’s Plus Dinner – Nov, 26, 2023 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- November 28, 2023 – General Meeting 7:00 pm TBA
- ELECT NEW BOARD
- DISCUSS WINTER FIELD DAY



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- o Membership renewals –
- o Elliot Spiro
- o Mike Wolfe

7) PIO - TOM SAVOCA (K9TJS)

- New Business Cards ordered
- Badges - Ordered
- Shirts – Ordered
- Banners have been picked up for our Field Days (Melanie KJ4VCT)

8) Old Business

- None

9) New Business:

Announcements:

- Barry Porter Nominating Committee will be replaced by Carol Sjursen (KJ4AWBZ) in his absence.

SLATE FOR 2024

(Melanie asked for requests, none were made)

President – Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT)

Vice President – Ben Echavarria (N7BBE)

Secretary – Ricki Witte (KJ4FSJ)



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Treasurer – Dirk Bastings (N4AN)
Director PIO – Tom Savoca (K9TJS)
Director at Large – Joe McGee (NX4T)
Repeater Trustee – Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)

10) Adjournment

- Adjournment at 7:52 pm for program

Program – Jeff Stahl (K4BH) KAHOOTTS!

APPENDIX –A- Board Members

Melanie Fernandez(KJ4VCT) – President, Joe McGee (NX4T)- Vice President, Ben Echavarria(N7BBE) - Secretary, Tom Savoca (K9TJS) - PIO, Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR) – Repeater Trustee, Ricki Witte (KJ4FSJ) – Director At Large

Members:

Dr. Tom McClain N3HPR

Elliot Spiro N2HYD

Carol Sjursen KJ4AWB

Jo Cummings N2QFT

Jeff Stahl K4BH

Bill Mercer KE8TPU

Jesse Shannon KJ4FKK

Abe Betesh W4FTL

Sylvan Pierre KB1EFW

Brandy Coolidge NIHO



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