

Meeting Date Nov. 26. 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 2:30 pm on Nov. 26, 2023. A quorum is present with seven (7) 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), Dirk Basting (N4AN)

2) Secretary - Ben Echavarria (N7BBE)

- **Approval of previous minutes from Oct. 22, 2023**
- **Attendance taken of officers.**

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3) Presidents Report – Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT)

• Upcoming schedule for events:

- **November 26, 2023, GCARA Board Meeting @ 2:30 pm on ZOOM**
- **November 26, 2023, 7:00 PM, Wing's Plus Dinner**
- **November 28, 2023, 7:30 PM GCARA GENERAL MEETING**
- **Elections of 2024 Board. Short program WINTER FIELD DAY by Joe McGee (NX4T)**
- **NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER 2023**

4) Treasurer Report Dirk Basting (N4AN)

- **Current banking balance \$8740.67**
- **Family Memberships 7 Lifetime 27 Unpaid 24**

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

5) Repeater Trustee – Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)

- **The 610 repeater is noisy, may be due to Christmas lights interference.**
- **All of our repeaters are up and running**

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6) Director at Large – Ricki Witte (KJ4FSH)

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

- **Ricky Eaton’s wife is still recuperating at home.**
- **Barry Porter is now in rehab for two more weeks**

7) PIO – TOM SAVOCA (K9TJS)

- **Website and social media report**

Will have Carol Sjursen (KJ4AWB) assist with the emailing of pertinent club information

8) Old Business

- **Status of Joe Ruby Brick is still unknown**

9) New Business –

- **Winter Field Day preparations – Leader/Chairman Joe McGee (NX4T)**

Dan Vasilca, Ricky Eaton, Jeff Stahl Technical Team

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Discussion and Assignment of Duties led by Joe McGee NX4T

- **Sending out postcards to licensed radio operators General and above**

To invite them to Winter Field Day for possible recruitment purposes.

- **Tentative slate for 2024**

President – Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT)

Vice President – Ben Echavarria (N7BBE)

Secretary – Ricki Witte (KJ4FSJ)

Treasurer – Dirk Basting (N4AN)

Director PIO – Tom Savoca (K9TJS)

Director at Large – Joe McGee (NX4T)

Repeater Trustee – Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR) Repeater trustee is an appointed position

11) Announcements - None

9) Adjournment

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

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