



## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 23, 2024

The regular general membership meeting of the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association, Inc., was held on January 23, 2024, by Zoom. The Meeting ID of 823 3968 9781 and Passcode of 565513 had been provided to members by email, along with an Agenda.

President Melanie Fernandez, KJ4VCT, called the meeting to order at 7:30.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Melanie Fernandez, KJ4VCT, President; Ben Echavarria, N7BBE, Vice President; Dirk Basting, N4AN, Treasurer; Ricki Witte, KJ4FSJ, Secretary; Tom Savoca, K9TJS, Director, Public Information Officer; Joe McGee, NX4T, Director at Large; and Ricky Eaton, KD4HGR, Repeater Trustee.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aurora Figueiredo, WD4AGF; Allan Karden N4ALK; Bill Mercer, KE8TPU; Robert Ligum, KN4WII; Jerry Deitch, W4LST; Tom McClain, N3HPR; Sandy McClain, N3LKW; Mike Wolfe, K2HXC; Dan Vasilca AI4WW; Elliot Spiro, N2HVD; Jeff Stahl, K4BH; Carol Sjursen, KJ4AWB; Jesse Shannon, KJ4FKK; and David Warner, KB4ICU.

Minutes of November 28, 2023, meeting had been posted on the website and were approved as submitted.

Jeff Stahl, K4BH, reported that testing is temporarily suspended pending resolution of an issue within the City of Coral Springs.

Carol Sjursen, KJ4AWB, reported that the 2024 Winterfest Boat Parade is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>. A Skywarn class will be offered on March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Interested persons should contact Carol by email at [carolsjursen@gmail.com](mailto:carolsjursen@gmail.com). CERT training is being offered by Parkland, Coral Springs CERT Assn. Carol or Jeff Stahl, K4BH, should be

contacted to get involved with ARES/RACES. Volunteers are needed to serve in shelters during a hurricane.

Dirk Basting, N4AN, gave the Treasurer's Report, which showed:

Balance as of 11/30/2023	\$8,820.38
Expenditures	(520.47)
Deposits	<u>322.58</u>
Ending balance	\$8,622.49

Repeater Trustee Ricky Eaton, KD4HGR, said diagnosis and cure for noise on the 610 repeater is continuing. Swapping some cables is part of the plan for the coming year, and work on AllStar, which will allow all the repeaters in the area to be linked, is continuing.

Director and Public Information Officer Tom Savoca, K9TJS, reported on promoting Winter Field Day on social media. Two related forms are currently on the website, one a general RSVP for Winter Field Day for those who plan to eat and the other form for signing up to operate.

Additional announcements made included:

- At the February 27th general meeting Robert Molleda of the National Weather Center in Miami will speak on "Space, Weather, and Communications"
- To avoid conflicting with St. Patrick's day and the beginning of the Easter season, the dinner gathering at Wing's Plus will be on March 10th.
- A Spring Picnic will be held March 3rd at Vista View Park from 8am-5pm
- Name badges with the club logo are available for a \$10 donation, and club shirts are also available for a \$40 donation (specify size, call sign, and with or without pocket). Although shirts and badges can be ordered and paid for online, it is necessary to notify Melanie, 954-560-3706, so that the payment and order are connected to the right person.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm, followed by a presentation by Joe McGee, NX4T, on Winter Field Day, which will be January 27 and 28 at Quiet Waters Park.

Ricki Witte, KJ4FSJ  
Secretary