



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2024

The regular general membership meeting of the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association, Inc., was held on February 27, 2024, by Zoom. The Meeting ID and Passcode had been provided to members by email with the 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: Allan Karden N4ALK; Bill Mercer, KE8TPU; Dr. Tom McClain, N3HPR; Mike Wolfe, K2HXC; Jeff Stahl, K4BH; Carol Sjursen, KJ4AWB; David Pomerantz KO4DKN; Jerry Tyler KN4UPI; Joanna Cummings N2QFT; Mike Wolfe K2HXC; and Sam Greenfeld, N2URO.

GUESTS: Sylvan Pierre KB1ERW; Paul Passman WB0BBC; Abe Betesh W4FTL; Alejo Verdes KD2FTA; Henry Seidner WA2ROA; and Andrew Mossberg KE4RKZ.

Minutes of the January 23, 2023, meeting had been posted on the website and were approved as submitted.

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

Beginning balance - 12/29/2023	\$8,622.40
Deposits, credits and interest	966.15
Expenditures and service charges	<u>1,504.32</u>
Balance as of 01/31/2024	\$8,084.32

Repeater Trustee Ricky Eaton, KD4HGR, reported that one antenna needs replacement. Two out-of-state hams have recently subscribed to the HF station. The transceiver for the HF station is in poor condition, however, and a decision whether to replace it is needed.

Public information Officer Tom Savoca asked members who use social media to share and like GCARA on Facebook and Instagram and to notify him if they wish to be tagged.

President Melanie Fernandez announced that a new venue for the monthly social dinner is being sought and reminded members to call her when ordering shirts and badges online.

Jeff Stahl announced that the Skywarn class on March 2nd is over-booked and has a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Robert Molleda of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) spoke about Space Weather.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Ricki Witte, KJ4FSJ
Secretary