



## MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING March 26, 2024

The regular General Meeting of the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association, Inc., for the month of March called to order by President Melanie Fernandez, KJ4VCT, at 7:33 pm on Zoom.

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

Members and guests present were:  
Allan Karden, N4ALK; Carol Sjurson, KJ4AWB; David Warner, KB4ICU; Dr. Tom McClain, N3HPR, Sandy McClain, N3LKW; Elliot Spiro, N2HYD; Jeff Stahl, K4BH; Jerry Deitch, W4LST; Jo Cummings, N2QFT; Joe McGee, NX4T; Joe Nord, N4ACN; John Sharp, K2SHA; Denise Sharp, K4MME; Samuel Greenfeld, N2URO; and Sylvan Pierre, KB1ERW.

The Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on February 27, 2024, were approved as posted on the W4BUG website.

Dirk Basting gave the Treasurer's report, which showed:

Beginning balance - 01/31/2024	\$8,084.32
Deposits, credits and interest	548.27
Checks	(55.70)
Other withdrawals, debits and service charges	<u>(171.06)</u>
Subtotal	\$8,405.83
Transfer \$5,000 to CD at approximately 5% interest	<u>(5,000.00)</u>
Balance in checking account as of 02/29/2024	\$3,405.83

Individual members	58
Family memberships:	6
Lifetime members	28
Late payers	<u>12</u>
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As a 501(c)(3) organization, the Association is exempt from paying sales tax; however, the purchase must be made using the Association's credit card, rather than reimbursing a member who pays the vendor.

Repeater Trustee Ricky Eaton reported that, now that the new equipment has been installed on the 146.610 repeater, the noise is completely gone. Ricky would welcome help from anyone with AllStar and also with programming a Raspberry Pi.

Joe McGee said volunteers are needed for the MS Bike Ride on April 4th and 5th. Jeff Stahl is the person to contact. The next dinner gathering will be on April 21st and will again be at PizzaTime in Coral Springs. The time has been changed to 6:00 pm to allow ample time to eat and network before their 9:00 pm closing time. Other venues are being checked out.

The spring picnic will be on May 4th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at Vista View Park. The Davie-Cooper City Amateur Radio Club is hosting the Pete Rimmel Memorial Barbecue on Sunday, April 28th and will include the Florida QSO Party, which is scheduled for the 27th and 28th.

Robert Molleda of the National Hurricane Center gave a presentation on the prediction of the likely strength and number of hurricanes for this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Ricki Witte, Secretary