



Minutes GCARA General Meeting 5-28-24

Call to Order:

1931 hrs

Board Members present:

Melanie Fernandez, Ben Echavarria, Ricky Eaton, Joe McGee

Absent – Rickie Witte, Tom Savoca, Dirk Basting

Members Present:

Rick K1DS, Jeff Stahl K4BH, Carol Sjursen KJ4AWB, Alan N4ALK,
Mike Wolf KD4OVP, Elliot N2HYD, Sylvan Pierre, Leon Rosen N1XKT, Harvey
KC4CX,
Matt K4VMF, Mark Blanchard KQ4RRG, Dan AI4WW, Bill Mercer KE8TPU,

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 1931 hours by **President** Melanie Fernandez KJ4VCT. The Pledge was stated and the Roll Call taken by all present.

The draft of the Previous General Meeting Minutes as seen on the WEBSITE W4BUG.org were approved and seconded.

VICE PRESIDENT Ben Echavarria N7BBE called on Jeff Stahl NX4T, VE Coordinator to discuss testing and the new location for same at the Regional Library on University and Sample Rd in Coral Springs on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am.

Carol Sjursen KJ4AWB made a public service announcement for Broward AresRaces.

Previously submitted **TREASURER'S REPORT** was entered into the records by President Melanie Fernandez KJ4VCT.

Bank Info: \$5,000.00 CD. Bank Balance as of APRIL 2024 \$2,098.96 after several bills were paid and the purchase of our new ICOM HF Radio for the Remote Station.

Members 105. Lifetime Members 28. Unpaid Members 15

REPEATER TRUSTEE. Ricky Eaton KD4HGR gave us a DMR update and discussed several fixes made at JKV plus installation plans for the new HF Remote Station which can be seen at our June 22/23 Summer Field Day. Plans are still in the works for the AllStar work planned.

DIRECTOR/PIO: Thomas Savoca K9TJS

Looking for a WebMaster. Let Tom or Melanie know if anyone interested. Needs working knowledge of WORDPRESS.

Members were once again reminded to make sure the information is correct incur database so that they are able to receive the emails we send out.

Corrections made be made directly on the website at W4BUG.org under membership info. Please notify us in writing also so we can make sure all of the records are accurate and up to date.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE: JOE MCGEE NX4T told us about the speaker of the month, Rick Rosen K1DS and his presentation on Satellite Communications.

Announcements were deferred to after the Speaker.

Rick Rosen K1DS gave a stimulating and information packed presentation about the theory of satellite communications and some helpful tips on making contacts in present day conditions.

He fielded many questions and there was a general consensus after the meeting that he should come back to speak again.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2045 hours

Respectfully submitted by collaboration from Melanie Fernandez KJ4VCT and VP Ben Echavarria N7BBE.

