



MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 28, 2025

The regular General Meeting of the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association, Inc., for the month of January was called to order by President Melanie Fernandez, KJ4VCT, at 7:27 pm. The meeting was only on Zoom because the meeting room in Imperial Point Hospital was unavailable.

Officers present were Melanie Fernandez, KJ4VCT, President; Joe McGee, NX4T, Vice President; Ricki Witte, KJ4FSJ, Secretary; Dirk Basting, N4AN, Treasurer; Tom Savoca, K9TJS, Public Information Officer; Repeater Trustee Ricky Eaton, KD4HGR; and Directors at Large Ben Echavarria, N7BBE; and Jeff Stahl, K4BH.

Members and guests present by Zoom were: Alan Karden, N4ALK; Brandy Coolidge, N1HO; Carol Sjursen, KJ4AWB; David Pomerantz, KO4DKN; Elliot Spiro, N2HYD; Leo Baldi, K4ITA; Mike Wolfe, KD4OVP; Mike Blanchard, W4MMK; Mitchell Rudin, KN4URZ; Nigel Richards, KB4F; Robert Feehrer, KX4XR; Sandy McClain, N3LKW; Sylvan Pierre, KB1ERW; Todd Greenstein, KC0NNL; Dr. Tom McClain, N3HPR; Felix Rios and guest speaker, Gino Morello, N2TBN.

The Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on November 26, 2024, were approved as posted on the W4BUG website.

Carol Sjursen said shelter volunteers are needed and a Miami-Dade club would welcome help staffing a walk in Miami. Ben Echavarria requested volunteers for a two day bike riding event, a fund-raiser for multiple sclerosis, April 5th and 6th.

Jeff Stahl said no testing had been done since the meeting was not in person.

Dirk Basting, Treasurer, reported an ending balance as of December 31, 2024, of \$7,739.39 including the \$5,076.73 in a CD. Total membership is 111, consisting of

66 individuals, 3 family memberships, and 27 lifetime members. Twelve members are behind on dues.

Ricky Eaton, Repeater Trustee, reported that during Winter Field Day Eric Rodriguez, K4LZA, worked on the repeater and stopped the noise that had been a recent problem.

Tom Savoca, PIO, is looking for help with the website and postings on social media.

Joe McGee, Director at Large, said Winter Field Day had gone well, that we had accomplished most of our objectives including contacts on six bands, satellite contacts, and an apparent total of 19,476 points, which will be submitted by Dan Vasilca, AI4WW. About 70 people attended, with additional non-ham visitors, and three joined the club.

Assistance is needed for future events in transportation and storage of coolers and radio equipment, and also with food shopping and cooking. The club needs people willing to serve as president and secretary, since these positions are currently only filled on a pro tem basis.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm, after which Gino Morello, N2TBN, spoke about Veritium Clocks, which are specifically designed for use by amateur radio operators with extensive data and time accurate to within milliseconds.

Ricki Witte, KJ4FSJ
Secretary Pro Tem