



Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association
Minutes of Monthly General Membership Meeting
April 28, 2026

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Ben Echeverria, N7BBE, at 7:32 pm. The meeting, exclusively in person, was held in the Conference Room at Broward Health North. Following the salute to the flag, members introduced themselves by name, call sign, and city.

Present: Ben Echeverria, N7BBE; Ricky Eaton, KD4HGR; Carol Sjursen, KJ4AWB; Jeff Stahl, K4BH; Allan Kardan, N4ALK; Jerry Deitch, W4LST; Jesse Shannon, KJ4FKK; Tom Savoca, K9TJS; Nigel Richards, KB4F; Kimberly (friend of Nigel)

Reports: Treasurer Dirk Basting was traveling, but had provided a report, which was read by Ben.

Jeff Stahl reported that no one had appeared to take tests.

Ricky Eaton, Repeater Trustee, said the DMR antenna works but its usage is very low, which is generally true of all the club's repeaters. Almost never used is 442.500, with a PL tone of 110.9, perhaps because people don't know about it, though it works extremely well.

Tom Savoca, Public Information Officer, asked members to share information on social media about field day (June 27-28 this year at Quiet Waters Park) and the May 16th SET (Simulated Emergency Test). Carol Sjursen added that the SET will test the interoperability between amateur radio operators and GMRS operators. The test will run from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM and will start off on the 61 repeater. Broward County Emergency Management will open the building for that day. All hams are encouraged to participate; registration is not required.

Field Day: Ben read a list of the specific small jobs necessary for a successful field day. The list will be posted on the club's website. Volunteers are needed.

Jeff Stahl is teaching a class for those who want to upgrade their license from technician to general. He should be contacted by anyone wishing to join; the book being used is Gordon West's.

The 50/50 raffle was held, and tickets were drawn for two other prizes.

Following the business meeting, Jeff Stahl gave a presentation on the various logging programs available to help hams track their contacts, whether for contests or awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Ricki Witte, KJ4FSJ
Secretary