Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association

MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 27, 2026

Call to Order – The regular meeting of the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association, Inc., was called to order on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 7:34 p.m. by President Ben Echavarria, N7BBE, in the Conference Room at Broward Health North.

Roll Call – Thirteen members and one guest were present.

Minutes – The Minutes of the September 22, 2026, meeting were approved as submitted and are available on the Association's web page.

Reports – Vice President Ricky Eaton, KD4HGR, urged members to let board members know their ideas and wishes regarding club activities. As Repeater Trustee, Ricky reported all repeaters are functioning properly. However, the 146.8200 repeater on the Boca Raton Regional Hospital will soon be removed from service since the building is undergoing major renovations and is now controlled by Baptist Health, which is reluctant to permit a repeater on its room due to concerns about liability.

Treasurer Dirk Basting, N4AN, reported an ending balance of $6,816.65 as of September 30, 2026, and a membership total of 112. A copy of the report is attached.

Carol Sjursen, KJ4AWB, provided the PIO report on behalf of Tom Savoca, K9TJS, and said that volunteers are needed for the Boat Parade on December 12th and Winter Field Day on the weekend of January 23-24, 2027.

Kenny Hollenbeck, KE4NC, volunteered to serve as Winter Field Day Chair.

Jeff Stah, K4BH, said two people had been tested before the meeting, and both passed.

Ben Echavarria said the election of officers and board members will take place at the November meeting. The Nominating Committee Chair is Barry Porter, KP1A.

A picnic is scheduled for May 22, 2027, at Vista View Park.

Speaker - Following the business meeting Sammy Hadi from the National Hurricane Center, NOAA, gave a live presentation by video explaining the effects of the El Nino and La Nina weather patterns the resulting effects on the 2026 hurricane season.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Ricki Witte, KJ4FSJ
Secretary

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CHECKING ACCOUNT

Previous balance • Aug 31	**$1,318.76**
Withdrawals	**–$336.97**
Deposits	**+$359.49**
New balance • Sep 30	**$1,341.28**

TOTAL FUNDS

$6,816.65

Checking $1,341.28
CD $5,475.37

MAJOR EXPENSES

HamHelpers · check #975016	$200.00
Refund + fee	$45.00
IONOS website	$45.62
Krispy Kreme donuts	$45.40
Bank service charge	$0.95

MAJOR INCOME

Membership / online	$279.49
Zelle payments	$80.00

MEMBERSHIP • 112

72 Single · 8 Family
26 Lifetime · 6 Late

4 NEW MEMBERS Robert Spruce · Juan Ruth · Rosemarie Basting · Douglas Banker