

Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association Board Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order (12:42 hrs)

Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT) called to order the Board Meeting of the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association, Inc at 12:22 ET (17:22 UTC) on January 21, 2021 on ZOOM. A quorum was present with 7 board members.

II. Memorial Bricks

Letters to widows did not go out yet. Mickey Baker became sick and has not gotten around to order the bricks. He does have the money.

III. Post Office

Addressed and stamped envelopes will be provided to Joe McGee (NX4T) so he can send all the mail to Erik Olmer (W4EJO).

IV. Repeater Report - Ricky Eaton (KD4HGR)

All repeaters are working. There is still noise on 146.610 but we do not know where the sound is coming from or what is causing it. Nobody has been up there yet to reprogram it. Repeater is working though. DMR seems to be working well. Those who do not have a DMR radio can search on the internet for Dude-star. This software will allow users to access DMR and other modes such as DSTAR and FUSION.

<https://github/nostar/dudestar>

Ricky and Eric are working on getting the remote sites working as well as tying the .610 and .820 repeaters together.

V. HF Project

HF remote station is working. The HF rig is here, and it will be setup as a “dummy” to test the internet connection first. It will not be possible to key up on this radio. We also have a computer for this radio, which was donated. The radio will work on 6m, 10m, 12m, 15m, 17m, 20m, 30m, 40m, and 80m. Possibly also on 60m if the radio was opened up for 60m. The Titan antenna is currently still not working.

VI. Winterfield Day

Winterfield day will be covered in the general meeting.

VII. PayPal

PayPal is all set up. Erik Olmer (W4EJO) demonstrated how it works. Erik Olmer (W4EJO) suggested to put a form on the website through which members can request an invoice to pay the dues. Once the form is submitted, Erik Olmer (W4EJO) will receive an email with the information.

John Cole (N1QFH) suggested to allow the payment process to be completed on the website instead of filling out the form every year. If a member wants to renew their membership, they should not have to fill out an application.

VIII. Insurance

Erik Olmer (W4EJO) needs permission to pay Liability Insurance. Approved without objection.

IX. 501(c)

Articles of Incorporation have been re-filed. Once the 501(c) status have been approved, dues will be tax deductible.

X. Bylaws

Bylaws have been reviewed and additional changes have been submitted. Bylaws will be reviewed in the next board meeting.

XI. Adjournment

Melanie Fernandez (KJ4VCT) adjourned the meeting at 14:28 ET (19:28 UTC).